A close-up of a man with dark, wavy hair and a wide-eyed, open-mouthed expression of shock or awe. He is looking slightly to the right. The background is dark and indistinct.

...THERE COULD
BE ANYONE IN
THIS WORLD
STRONGER
THAN ME.

I
NEVER
IMAGINED
...

A close-up of a man with light-colored hair and a serious, determined expression. He is looking directly forward. The background is dark and indistinct.

INSIDE
THE
WALLS,
AT
THAT...

AND
...

A man in a dark, long-sleeved shirt and pants is running through a field of debris and dust. He is looking back over his shoulder with a determined expression. The background is a bright, hazy landscape.

SO
THIS
IS A
TITAN
...

I
STILL
CAN'T
BE-
LIEVE
THEY
ACTU-
ALLY
EXIST.

Episode 69: Friends



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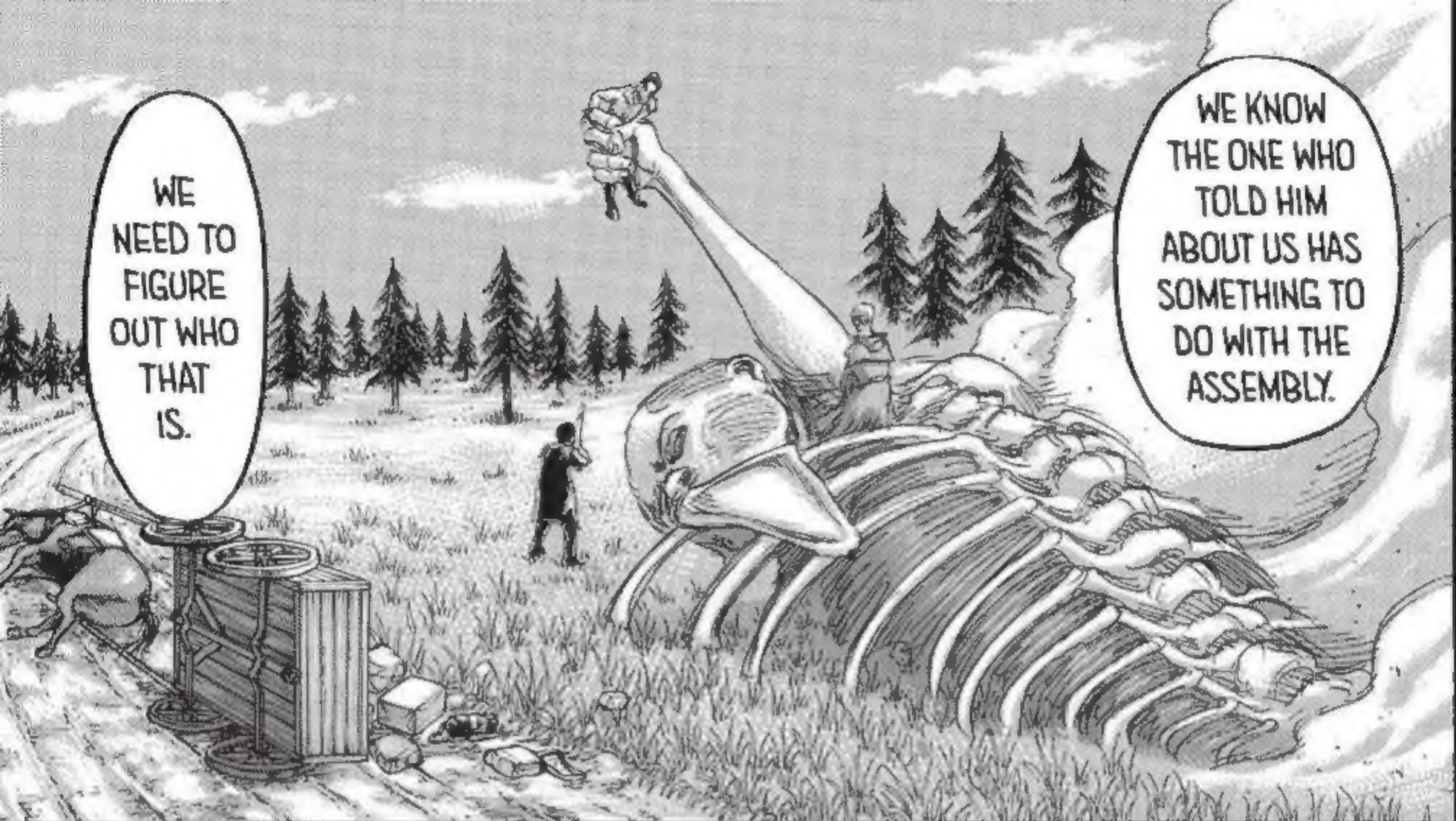
MMH!

DON'T
SHOOT.

WAIT,
ROD.

URI
!!

KEEP
HOLDING
HIM
THERE!!



THOK



!!

URI !!



LEMME

G O O O O !!

**LET
GO
OF
ME
!**

C'MON,
FORGIVE ME!
YOU'RE THE
REAL KING,
RIGHT?

**AAGH,
DAMMIT
!**



WHEN FACED
WITH SOMEONE
OVERWHELMINGLY
STRONGER THAN
ME, I
WAS WEAK.

I PROMISE
I'LL SET UP
A PROPER
AMBUSH
NEXT TIME!!

LET ME GET
AWAY AND
GIVE ME ONE
MORE
CHANCE!!

VIOLENCE
WAS ALL I
EVER HAD,
BUT AT THAT
MOMENT, IT
HAD FAILED
ME.

WE CAN
BLAME
THIS ALL
ON MY
CREATIVE
SENSIBILI-
TIES!!

AND
HONESTLY, I
THINK TRYING
TO TORTURE
YOU TO
DEATH, THEN
FILLING YOUR
SKULL FULL
OF SHIT WAS
A PRETTY
NICE IDEA!

AFTER ALL,
IT WAS THE
FIRST TIME
I'D EVER
BEEN IN A
SITUATION
WHERE
SOMEONE
COULD
LITERALLY
CRUSH ME IN
HIS GRASP.

HUH?

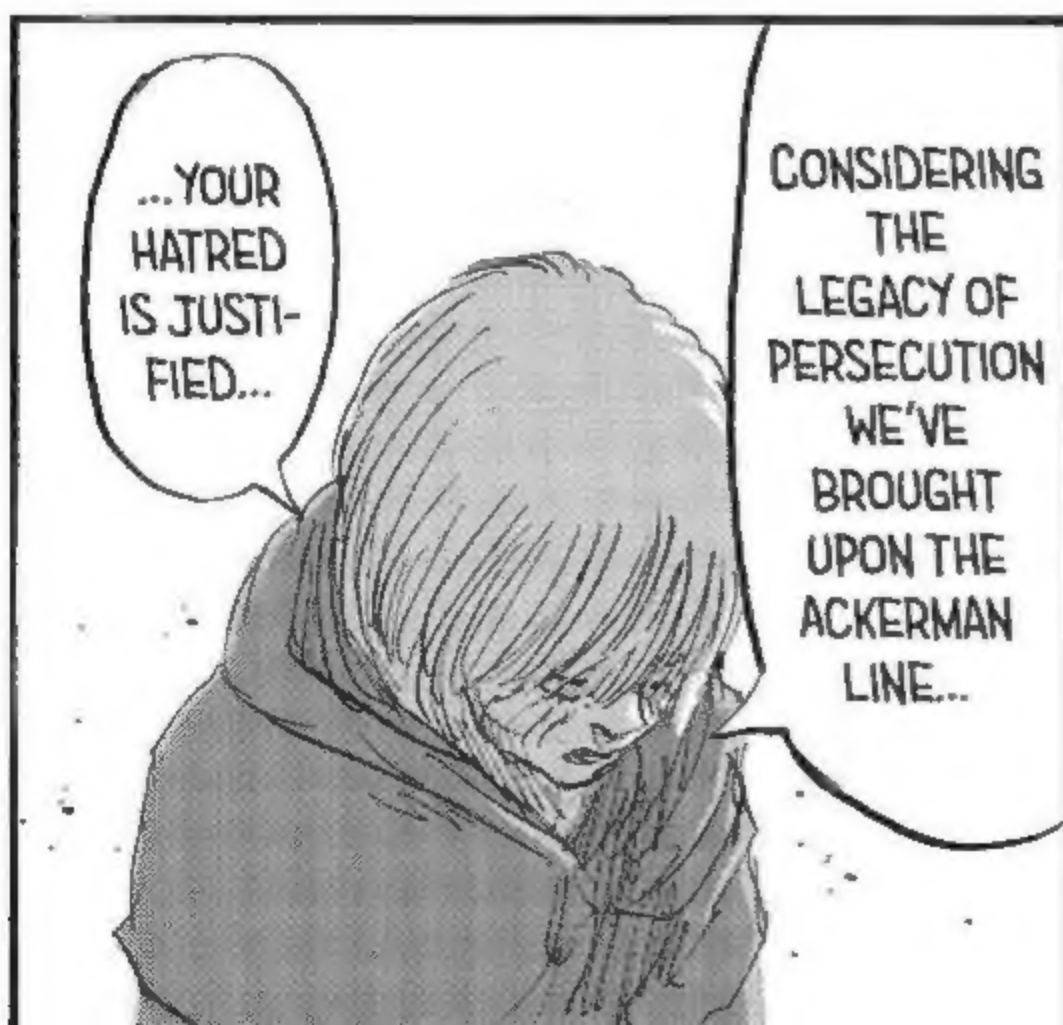
THAT'S
...

...
?!
..

URI
!!

THUMP

LOOKING
BACK NOW,
I DON'T
THINK I
EVEN
REALLY
CARED
MUCH
ABOUT MY
FAMILY'S
GRUDGE.



RIGHT NOW...I CAN'T DIE.



BUT...

A KING WITH THAT MUCH POWER...

...FOR BEING A FOOL WHO COULDN'T BUILD A PARADISE, EVEN IN THIS TINY SPACE WITHIN THE WALLS...

PLEASE FORGIVE ME...




...BUT THIS GAVE AN EVEN BIGGER JOLT TO SOMETHING INSIDE OF ME.



THAT TITAN LEFT ME SPEECH-LESS...




...BOWED DOWN TO SOMEONE AS LOWLY AS ME.




AND URI
NODDED.

I TOLD
HIM THEN
THAT I
WANTED
TO HELP.



IT WAS
MY
NEW
JOB.



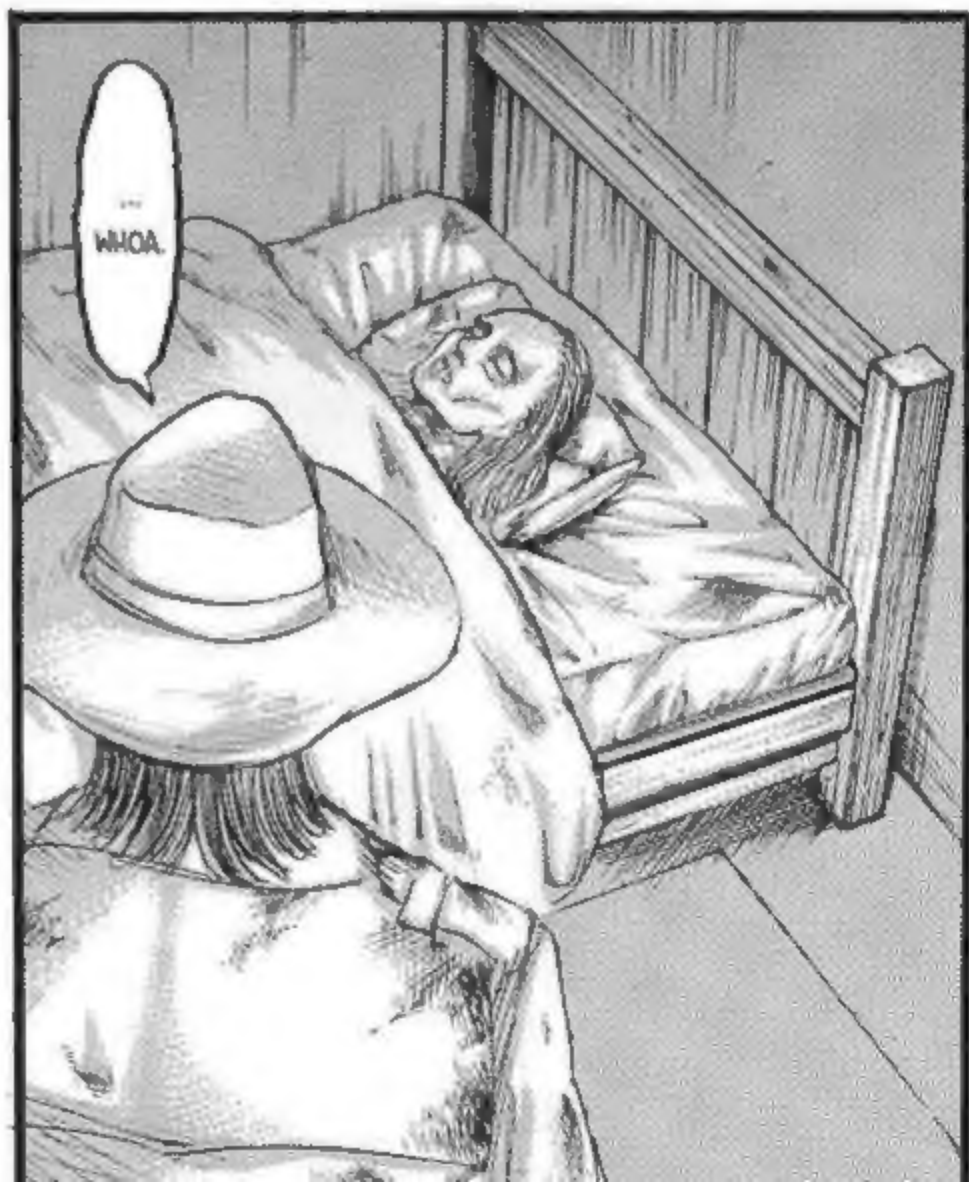
AND THE GUY HE
HAD SQUEALED
TO WAS THERE
IN HIS PLACE
AS THE REISS
FAMILY'S DOG,
SITTING BACK
WITH HIS
LEGS OUT-
STRETCHED.

AT THE NEXT
ASSEMBLY
SESSION,
THE GUY WHO
SQUEALED
TO ME
ABOUT THE
REISS
FAMILY WAS
GONE...



...IT
WASN'T AS
IF I COULD
WALK AROUND
IN BROAD
DAYLIGHT, BUT
MY LIST OF
ENEMIES
SEEMED TO BE
GETTING
SMALLER.

IT WAS A
LITTLE
PATHETIC,
BUT IT
STOPPED THE
PERSECUTION
OF THE
ACKERMAN
FAMILY.





SHE'S DEAD.



YA SEEM TO HAVE...

...LOST A LOT OF WEIGHT... KUCHEL.



ARE YOU ALIVE?

AND YOU?

...

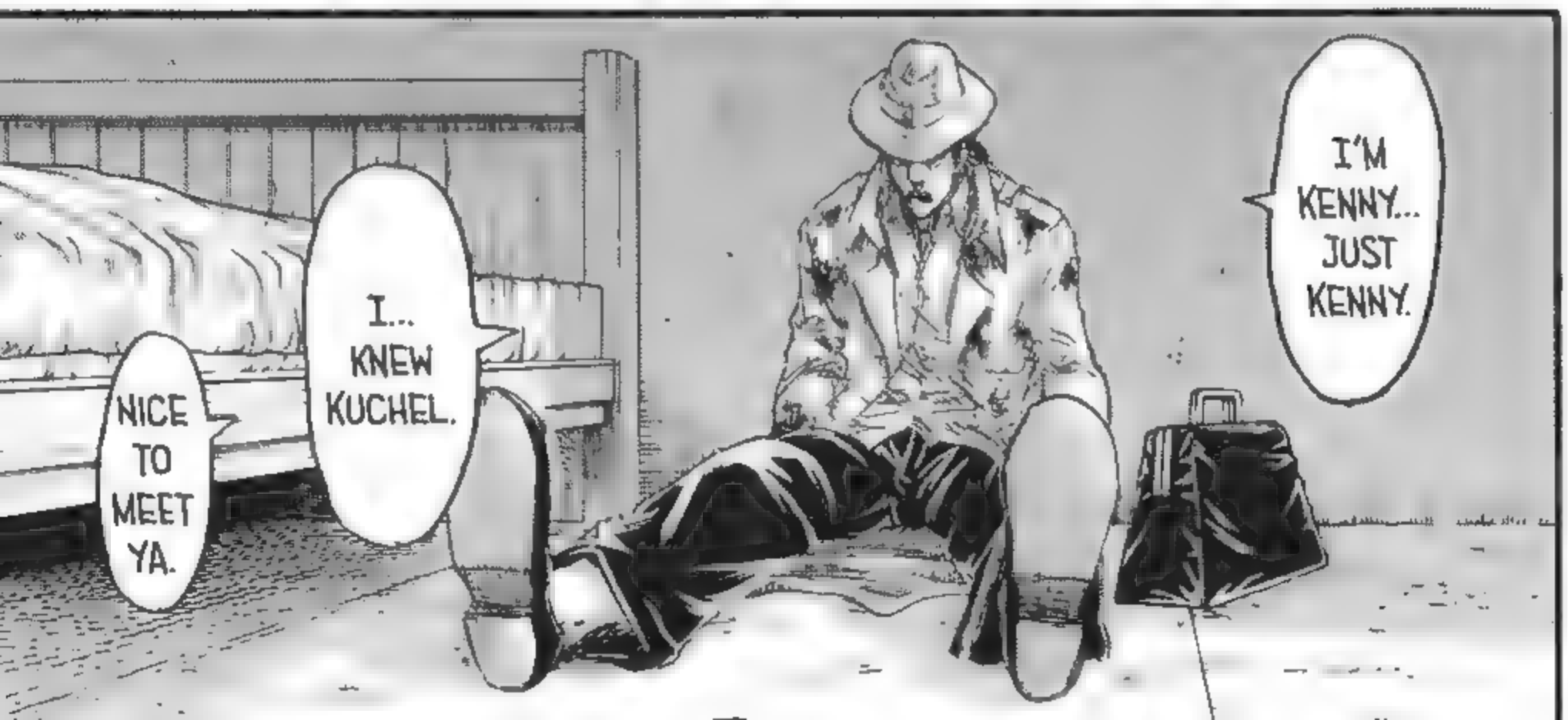
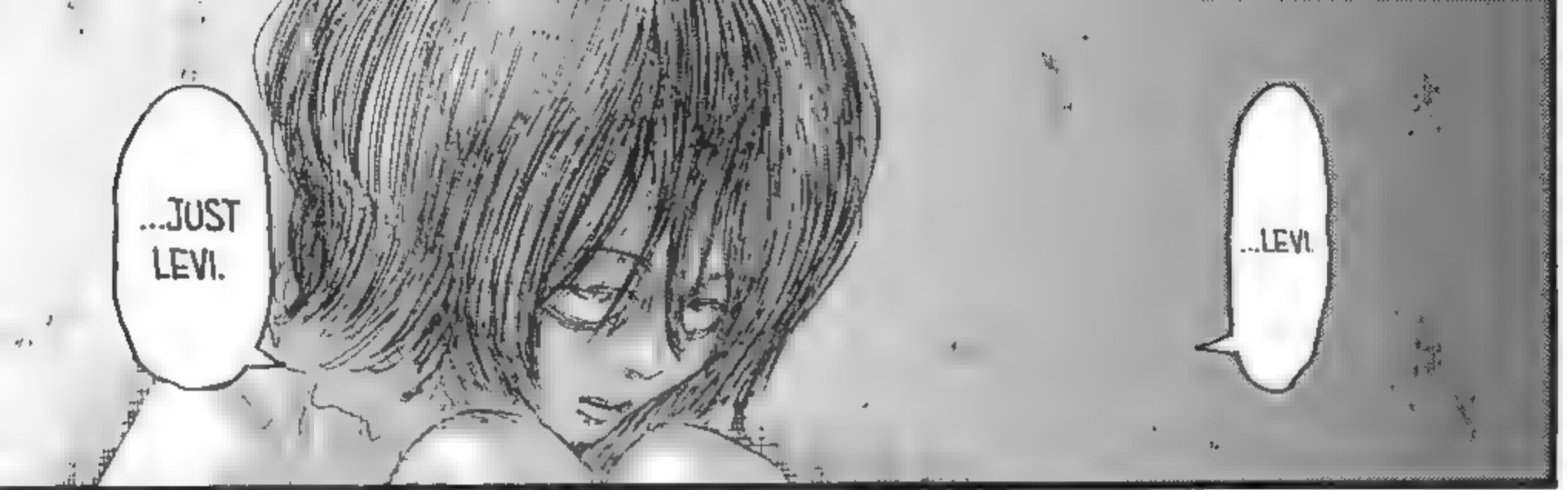


WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

YA UNDERSTAND ME, RIGHT?

WHOA, GIMME A BREAK.

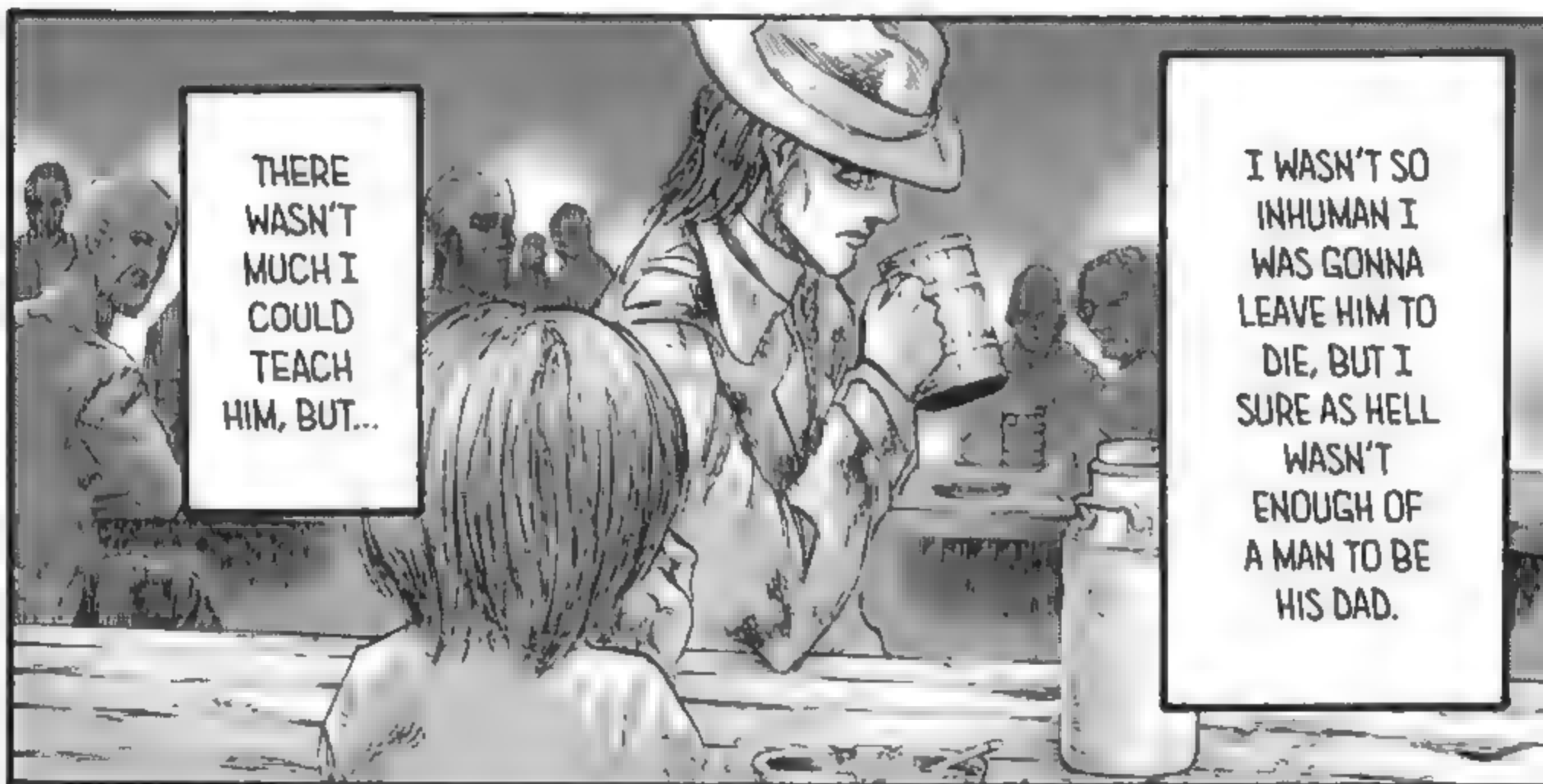






THAT'S
ALL
KUCHEL
LEFT
BEHIND.

A COLD
LITTLE
BRAT ON
DEATH'S
DOOR.



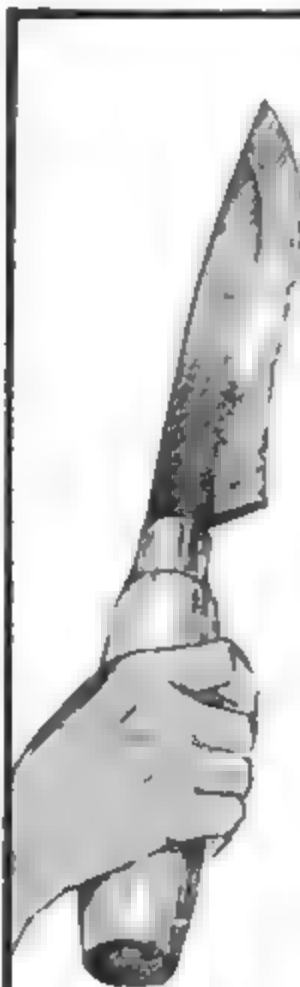
THERE
WASN'T
MUCH I
COULD
TEACH
HIM, BUT...

I WASN'T SO
INHUMAN I
WAS GONNA
LEAVE HIM TO
DIE, BUT I
SURE AS HELL
WASN'T
ENOUGH OF
A MAN TO BE
HIS DAD.



...AND I
TAUGHT
HIM HOW
TO
GREET
PEOPLE.

NEXT, WE
TOOK A
TOUR OF
THE
NEIGHBOR-
HOOD...

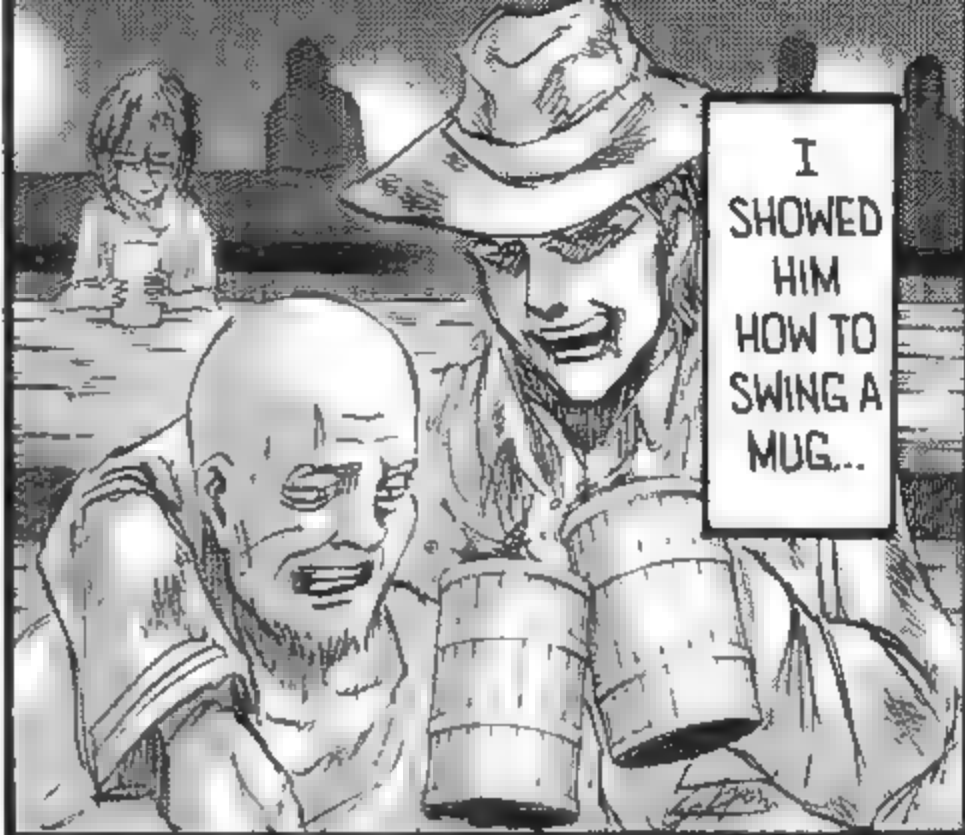


WE
STARTED
WITH HOW
TO GRIP A
KNIFE.

...AND
HOW TO
SWING A
KNIFE.



I
SHOWED
HIM
HOW TO
SWING A
MUG...



IF HE WANTED TO
LEAVE AND GO TO
THE SURFACE, HE
WAS FREE TO.



IN OTHER WORDS,
I TAUGHT HIM WHAT
HE NEEDED TO
SURVIVE IN THE
UNDERGROUND.



...HE'D
HAVE TO
DO IT
HIMSELF.

BUT IF
HE EVER
DID...

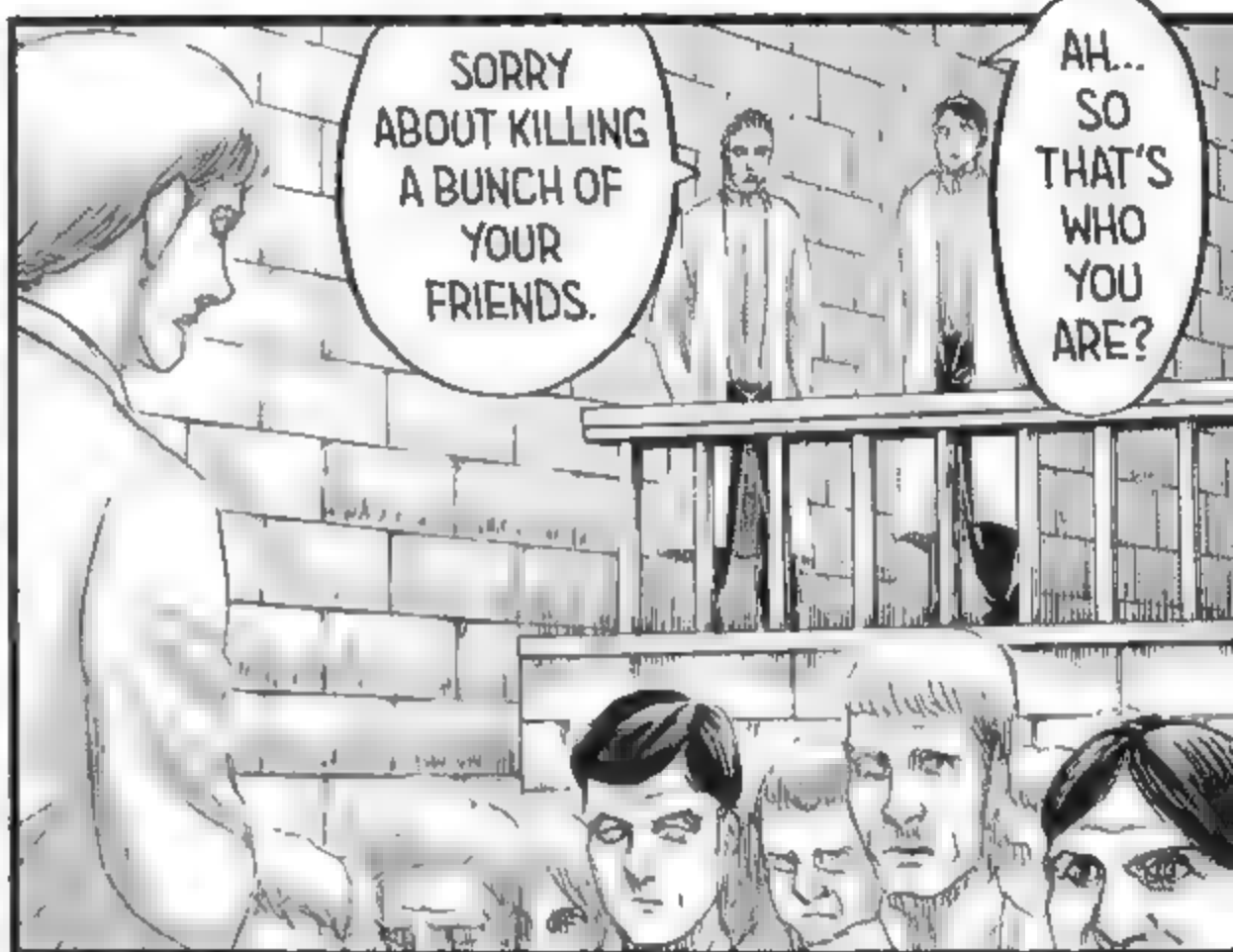




THE
INTERIOR
MILITARY
POLICE?



AND YET
THE KING
MADE YOU HIS
SUBJECT AND
BODYGUARD.



SORRY
ABOUT KILLING
A BUNCH OF
YOUR
FRIENDS.

AH...
SO
THAT'S
WHO
YOU
ARE?



THAT
IS HOW
WE ARE
ABLE TO DO
WHAT WE
MUST.

HEY NOW,
SANNES. YA
SEEM PRETTY
TAKEN WITH
THE KING,
HUH?



THAT
IS HOW
BOUND-
LESS HIS
HEART
IS...



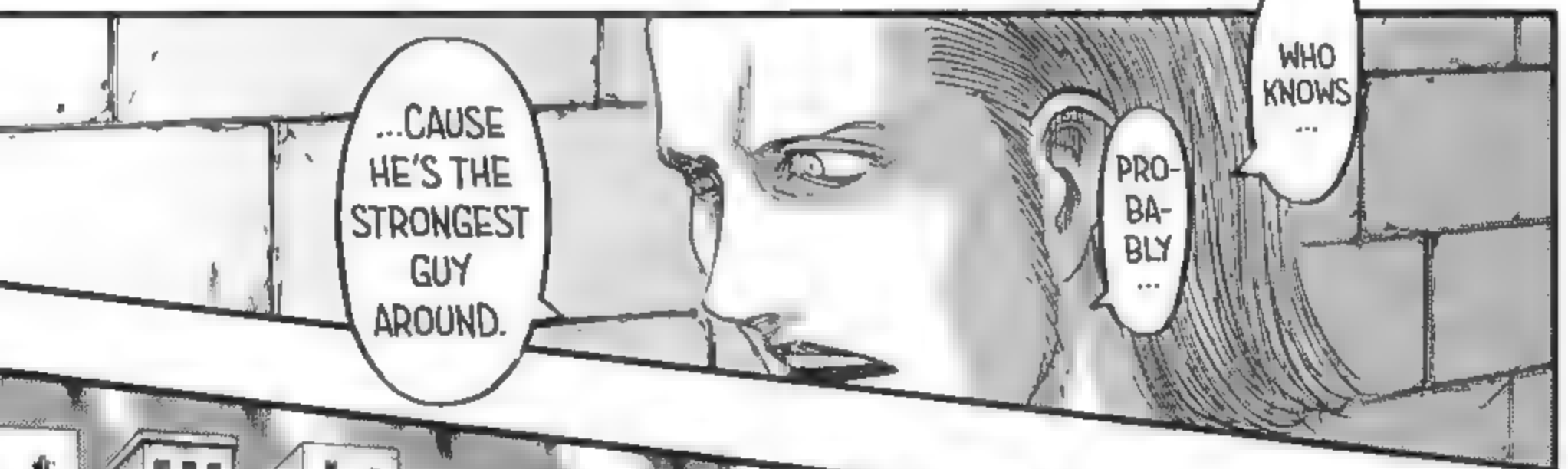
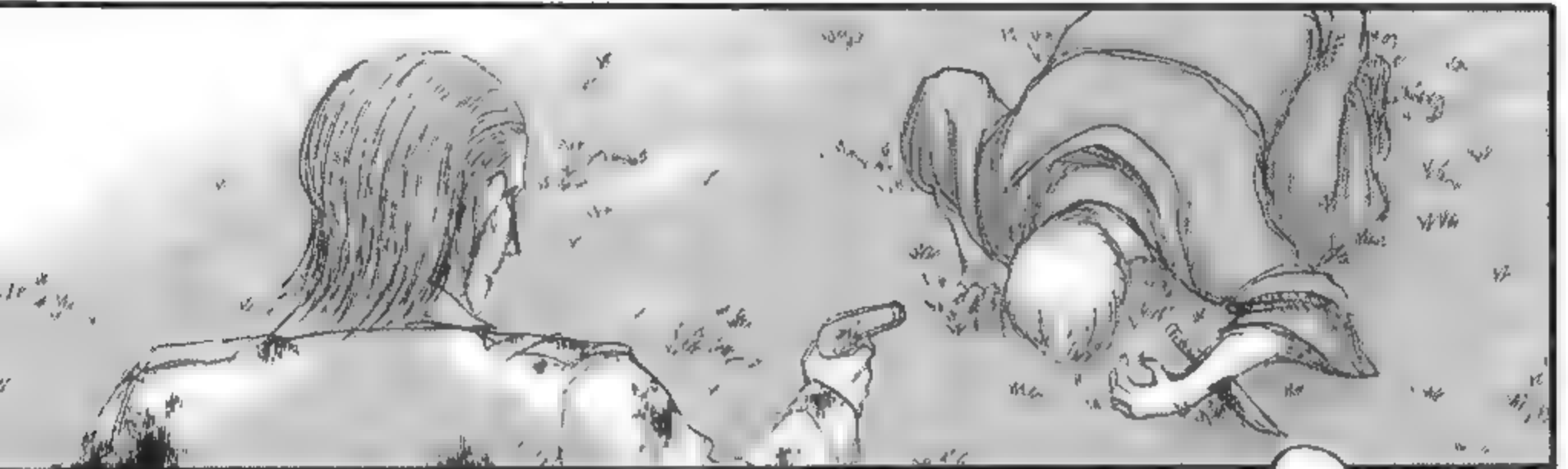
I...

...



WHY
DID **YOU**
OFFER
YOUR-
SELF TO
HIM?

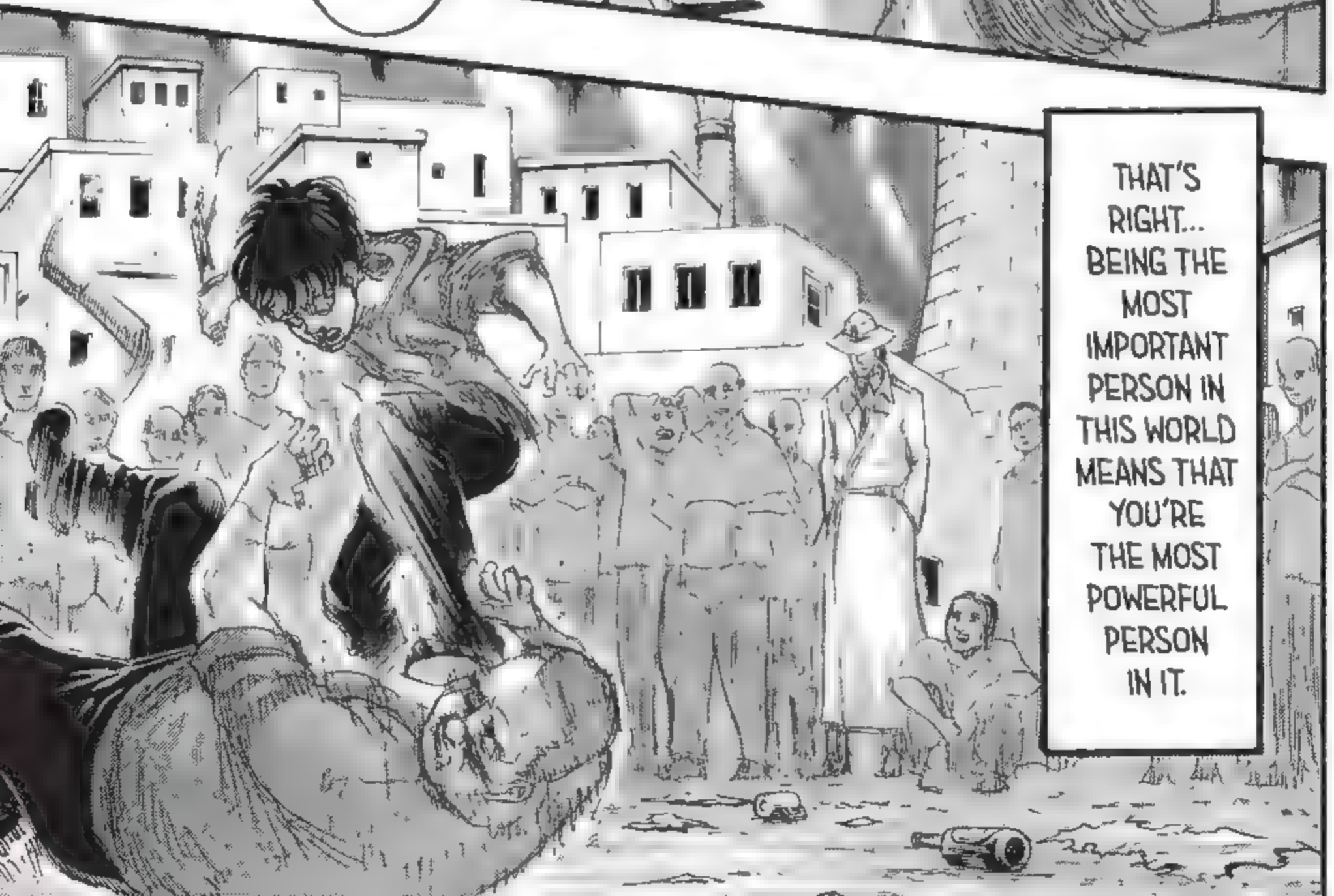
ARE
YOU
NOT
THE
SAME?



...CAUSE
HE'S THE
STRONGEST
GUY
AROUND.

PRO-
BA-
BLY
...

WHO
KNOWS
...



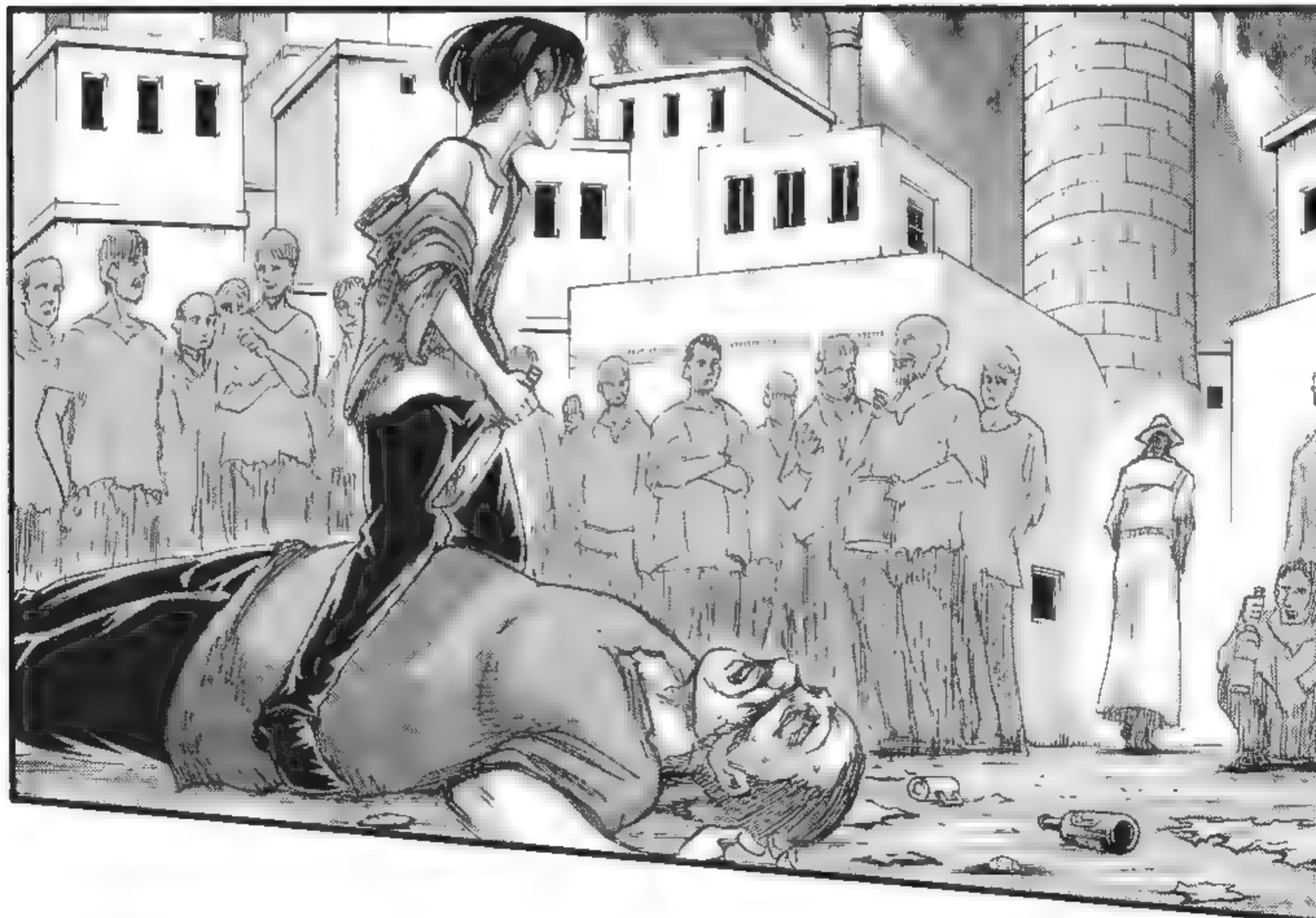
THAT'S
RIGHT...
BEING THE
MOST
IMPORTANT
PERSON IN
THIS WORLD
MEANS THAT
YOU'RE
THE MOST
POWERFUL
PERSON
IN IT.



LONG AS
YA GOT
THAT... AT THE
VERY LEAST,
YA WON'T
MEET AN END
LIKE MY
LITTLE
SISTER'S.



ALL
YA
NEED
IS
POWER.





...THAT'S
PRETTY
OBVIOUS
FROM THE
LOOK OF
YA.

I...
DON'T
HAVE
MUCH
LONGER.



EH?



NOT
EX-
ACT-
LY...

YA
DIS-
APPOINT
ME.

YA MAY BE
A MONSTER,
BUT YOU'RE
STILL NO MATCH
FOR AGE AND
DISEASE.



...



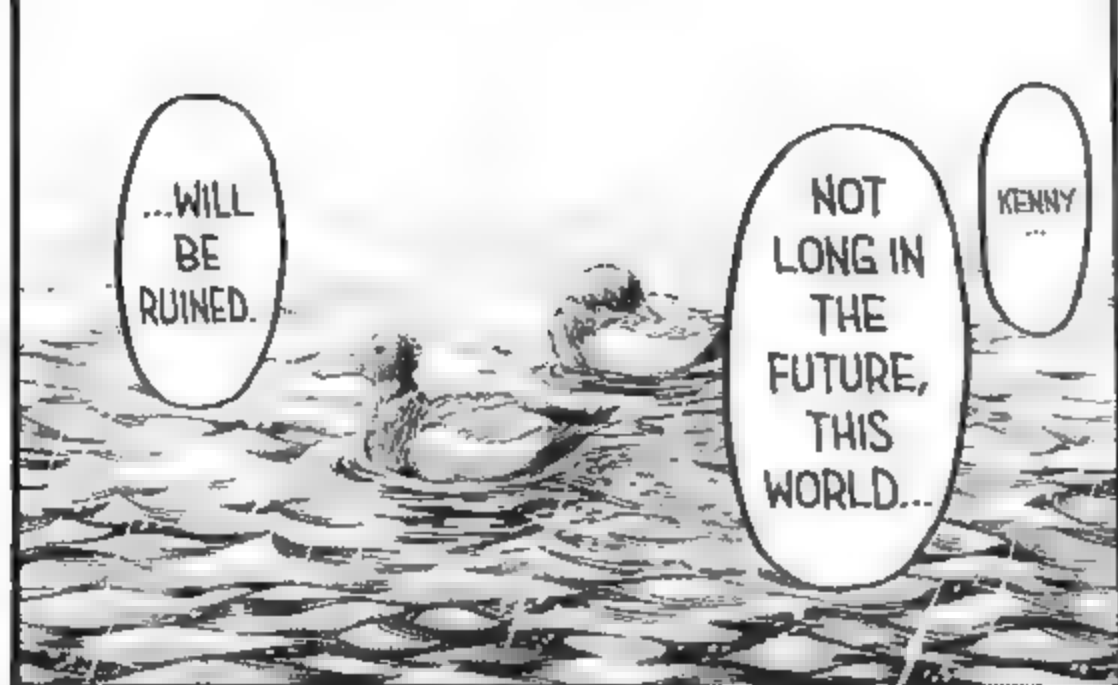
THEY'RE
INHERITING
YOUR
POWER?

...WHAT'S
THAT
SUP-
POSED
TO
MEAN?



I WILL
SURELY LIVE
ON IN THEIR
MEMORIES.

THIS
POWER
WILL BE
INHERITED
BY ROD'S
CHILDREN.



...WILL
BE
RUINED.

NOT
LONG IN
THE
FUTURE,
THIS
WORLD...

KENNY
...



...FOR THE
SURVIVING,
WANING
REMNANTS OF
HUMANITY.

I WANT
TO CREATE A
PARADISE...



WHAT WAS IT
THAT TURNED
US INTO
FRIENDS?

BUT...THE TWO
OF US WERE ON
AN UNSTOPPABLE
PATH OF MUTUAL
DESTRUCTION.

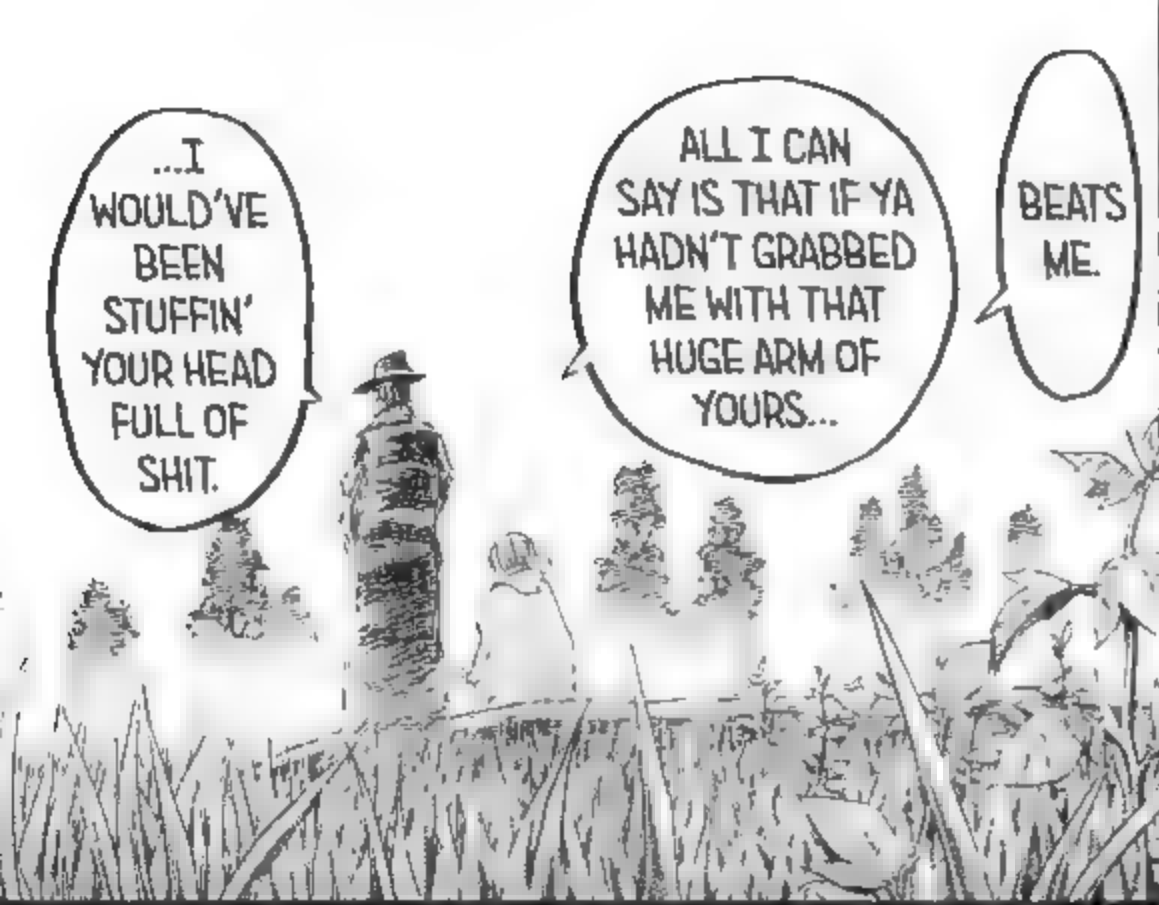


WAS
IT VIO-
LENCE
?



YOU
BELIEVE
IN
VIOLENCE,
DO YOU
NOT?

IT IS AN
UNAVOID-
ABLE
TRUTH OF
THIS
WORLD.



...I
WOULD'VE
BEEN
STUFFIN'
YOUR HEAD
FULL OF
SHIT.

ALL I CAN
SAY IS THAT IF YA
HADN'T GRABBED
ME WITH THAT
HUGE ARM OF
YOURS...

BEATS
ME.



...
HAH.

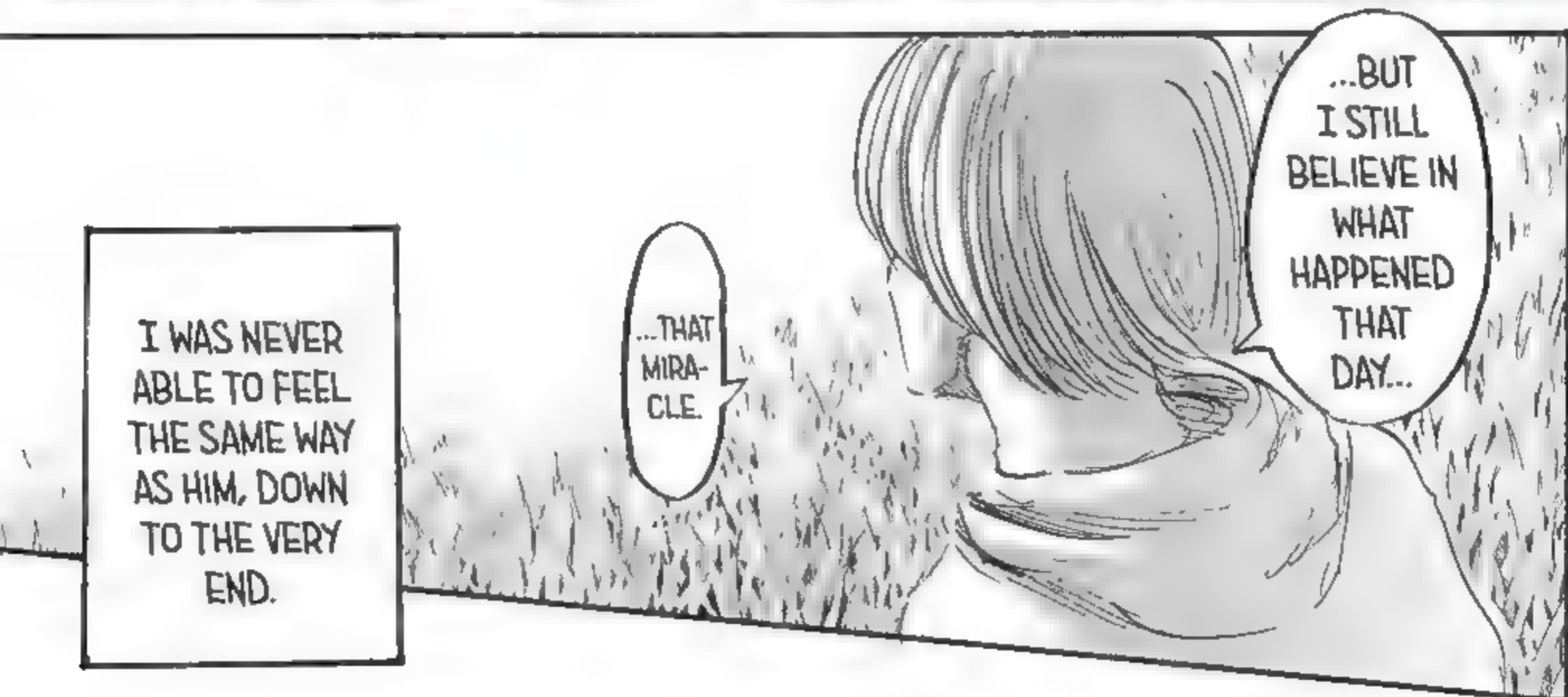


IT IS AN
UNAVOID-
ABLE
TRUTH...

YES
...



BEFORE
WE EVER
BECAME
"FRIENDS,"
THAT IS.



I WAS NEVER
ABLE TO FEEL
THE SAME WAY
AS HIM, DOWN
TO THE VERY
END.

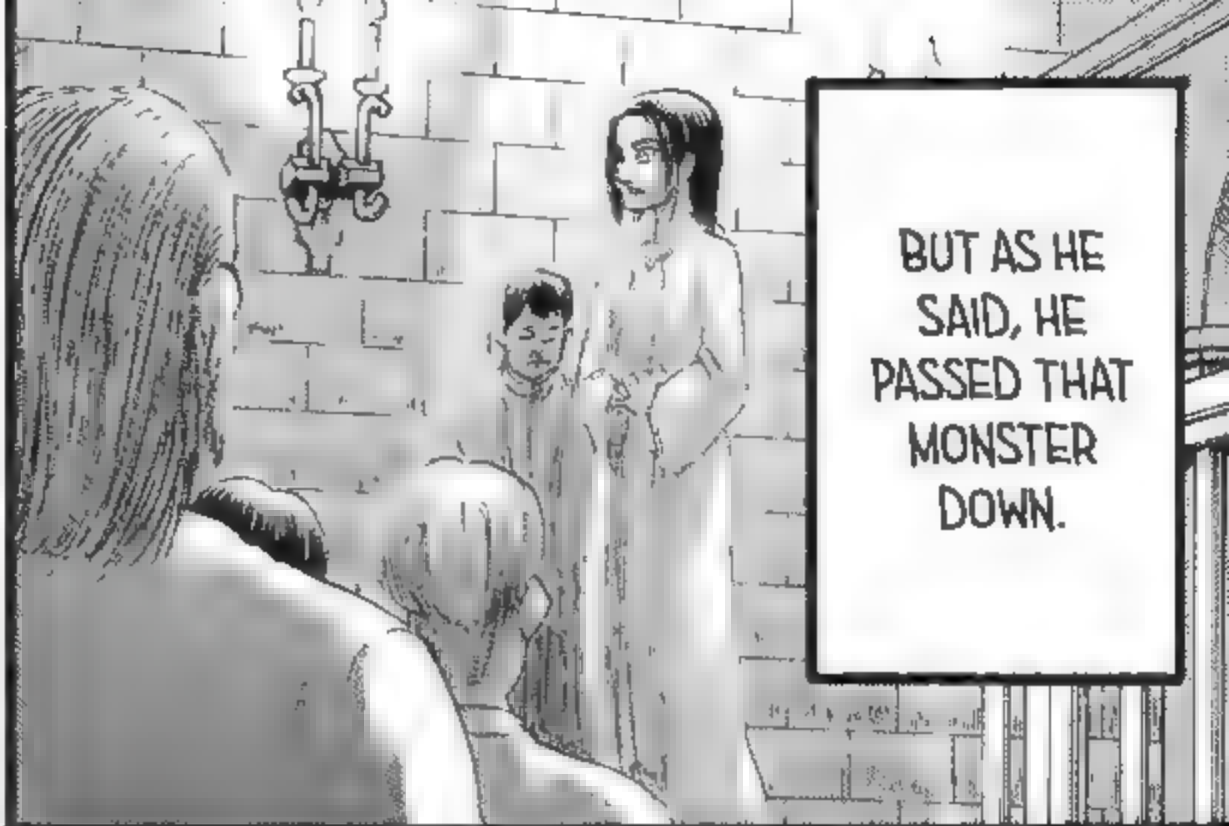
...THAT
MIRA-
CLE.

...BUT
I STILL
BELIEVE IN
WHAT
HAPPENED
THAT
DAY...

AND I
COULD
SEE HIM
IN HER
THE
MOMENT
I SAW
THOSE
EYES.



BUT AS HE
SAID, HE
PASSED THAT
MONSTER
DOWN.



LOVE
AMONG
MANKIND
THIS,
PEACE
THAT.



ROD'S DAUGHTER
WENT ON
RAMBLING ABOUT
THE SAME
THINGS.



IS IT
BECAUSE YA
HAVE SO
MUCH POWER
IT GIVES YOU
FREEDOM?

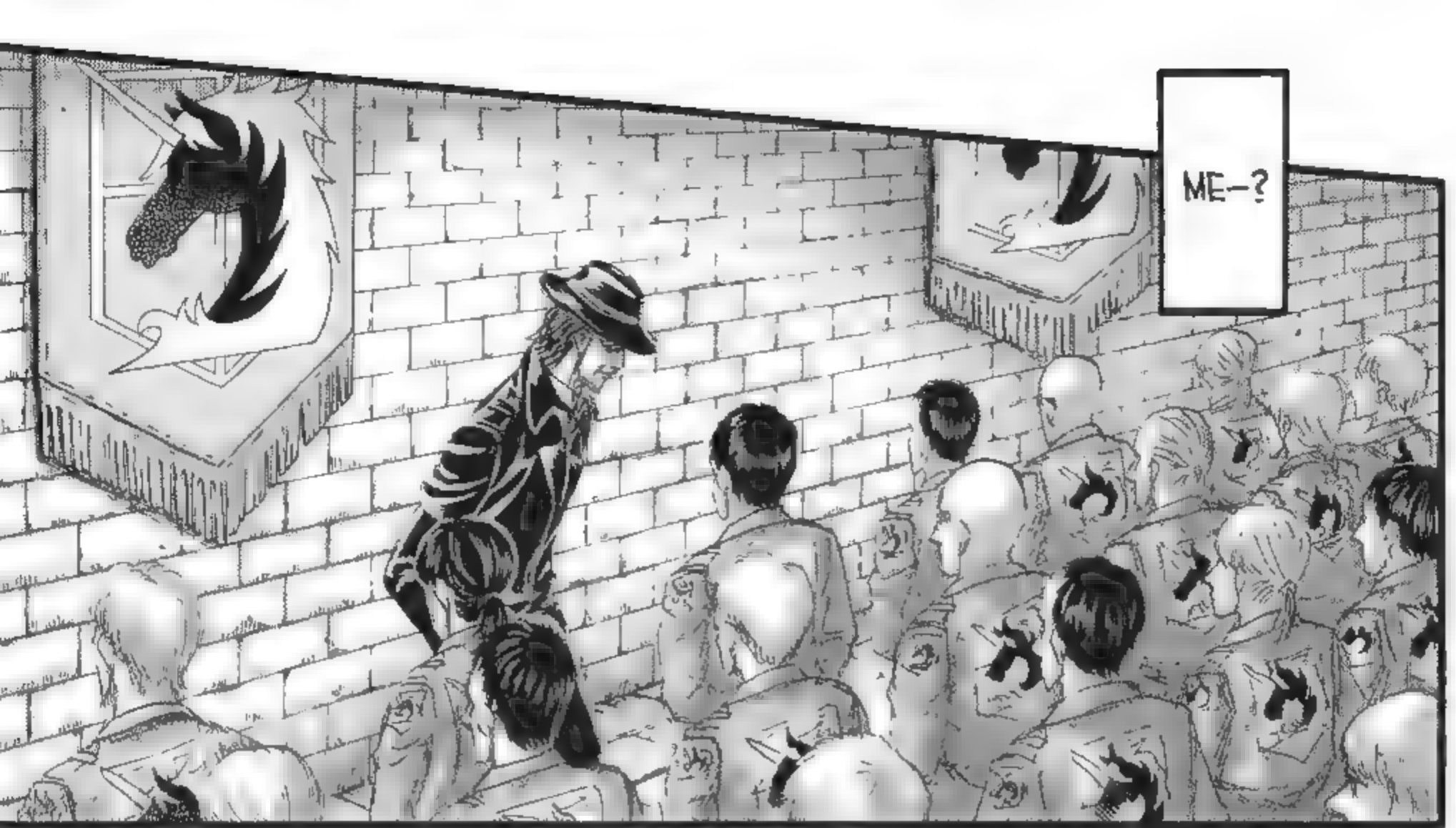


HOW ARE YOU
ABLE TO KEEP
TALKING LIKE
THAT?

...EVEN...



WOULD WE ALL
ACT THE SAME
WAY IF ONLY WE
HAD THAT KIND
OF POWER?



ME-?



I SLIT SO
MANY ELITE
MILITARY POLICE
THROATS JUST LIKE
YOURS THAT IT GOT
BORING.

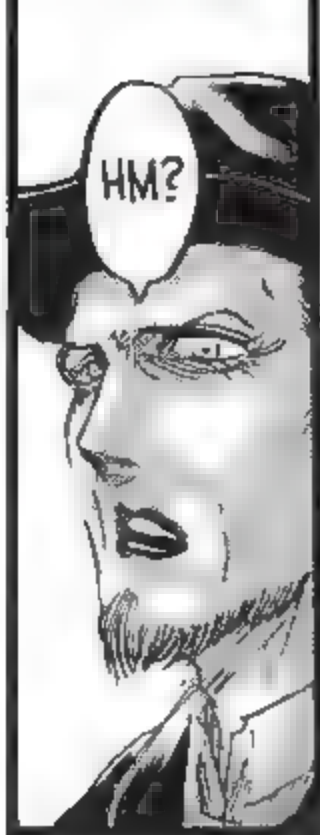
I WAS ALSO
ONCE KNOWN
BY THE LAME
TITLE "KENNY
THE RIPPER."

I'M
KENNY
ACKER-
MAN.

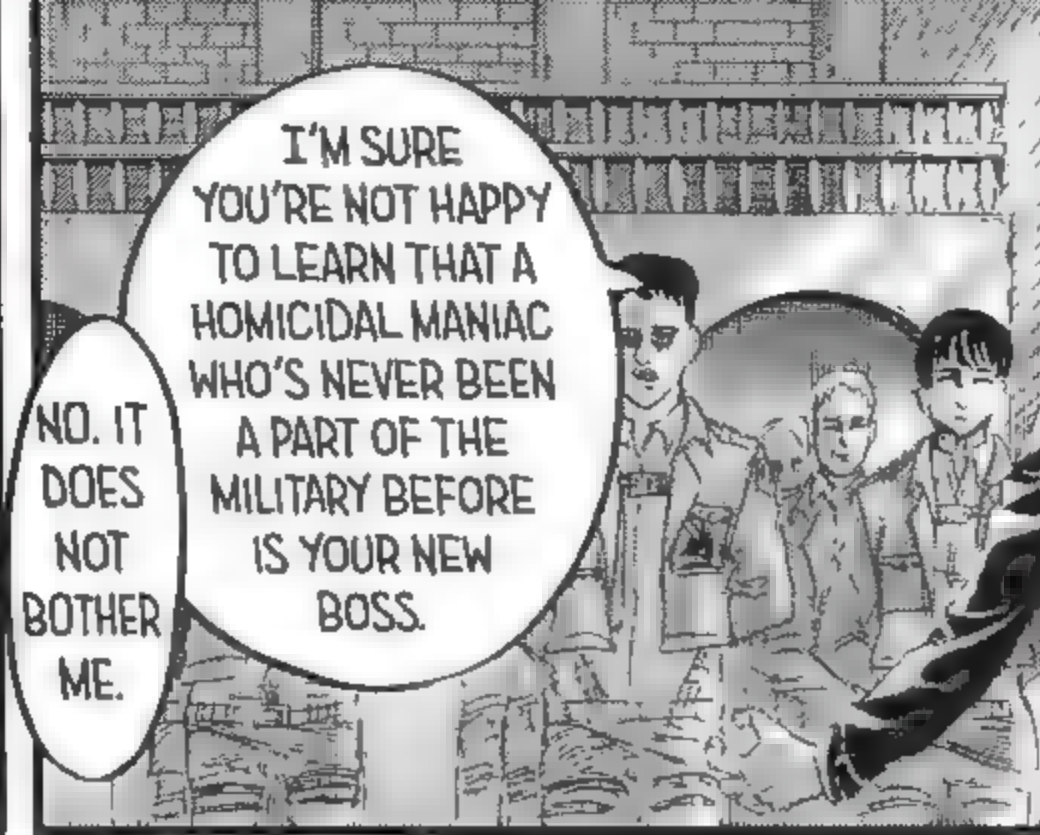


BUT A LOT
HAPPENED,
AND NOW I'VE
BEEN MADE THE
LEADER OF THIS
ANTI-PERSONNEL
VERTICAL
MANEUVERING
EQUIPMENT
SQUAD.

NICE
TO
MEET
YA.

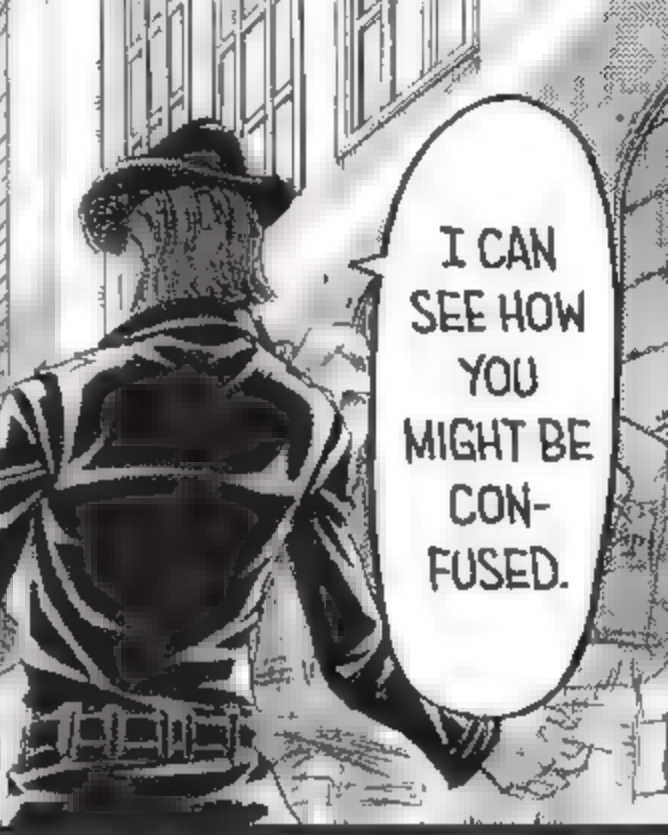


HM?



NO. IT DOES NOT BOTHER ME.

I'M SURE YOU'RE NOT HAPPY TO LEARN THAT A HOMICIDAL MANIAC WHO'S NEVER BEEN A PART OF THE MILITARY BEFORE IS YOUR NEW BOSS.

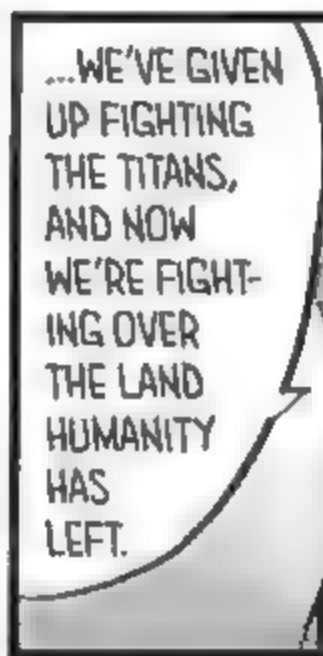


I CAN SEE HOW YOU MIGHT BE CONFUSED.

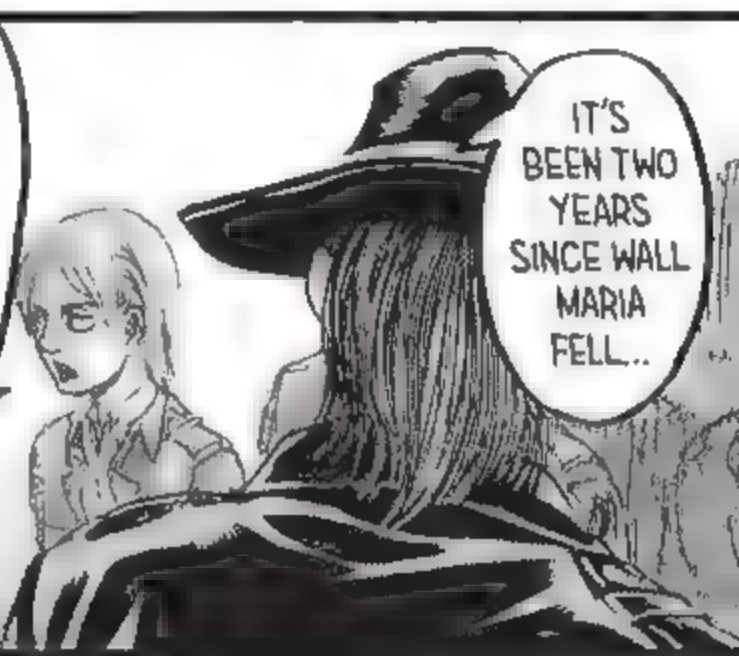


THIS IS JUST WHERE FOLLOWING THE RULES AND REACHING THE TOP RANKS OF THE MILITARY GOT US.

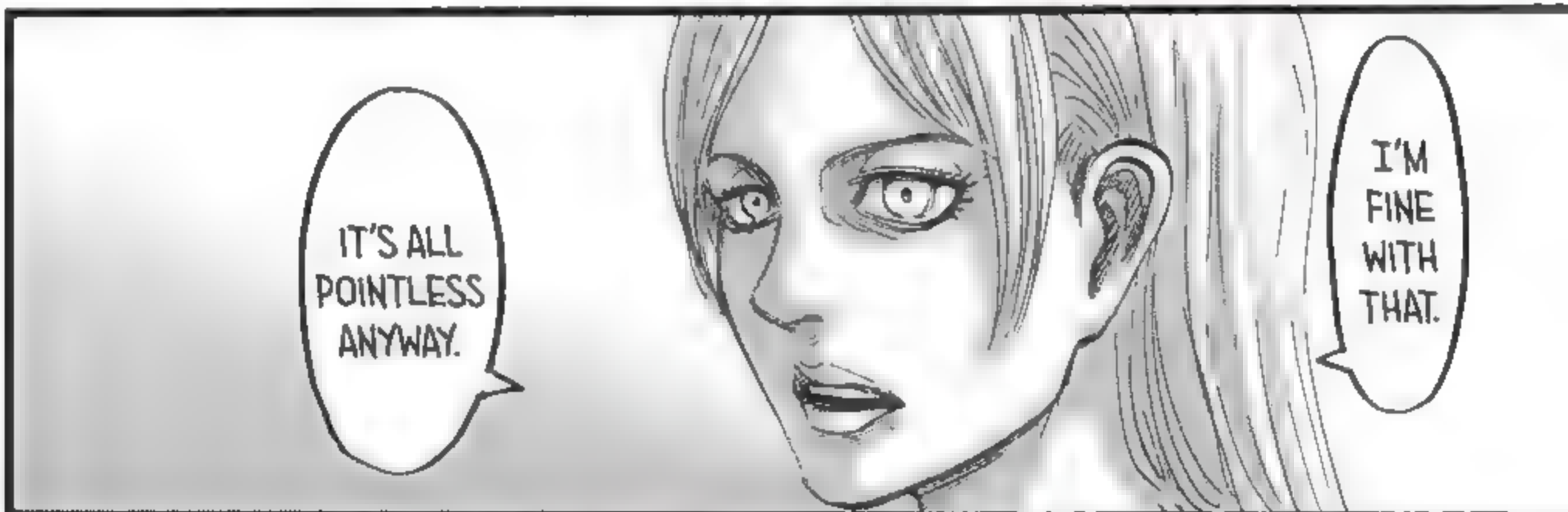
THAT'S WHY WE EXIST, RIGHT?



...WE'VE GIVEN UP FIGHTING THE TITANS, AND NOW WE'RE FIGHTING OVER THE LAND HUMANITY HAS LEFT.



IT'S BEEN TWO YEARS SINCE WALL MARIA FELL...



IT'S ALL POINTLESS ANYWAY.

I'M FINE WITH THAT.

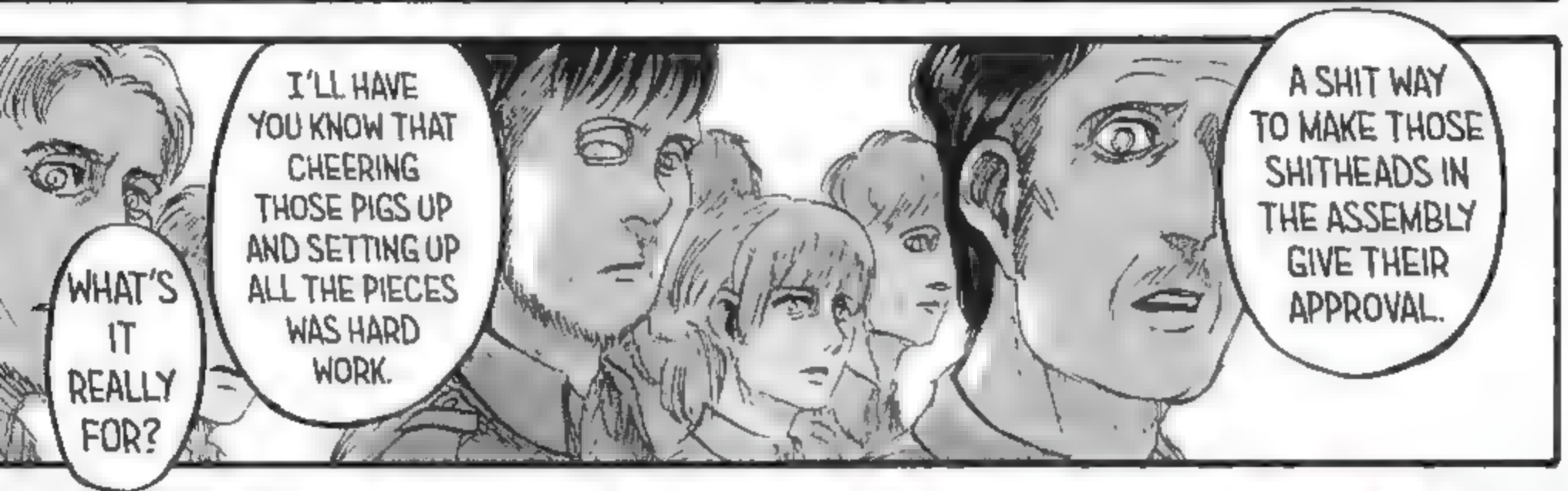




IT'S
NOTHING
MORE THAN
THE OFFICIAL
LINE I CAME
UP WITH.

THE
STUFF ABOUT
OPPOSING
THE SURVEY
CORPS IS A
JUSTIFICA-
TION.

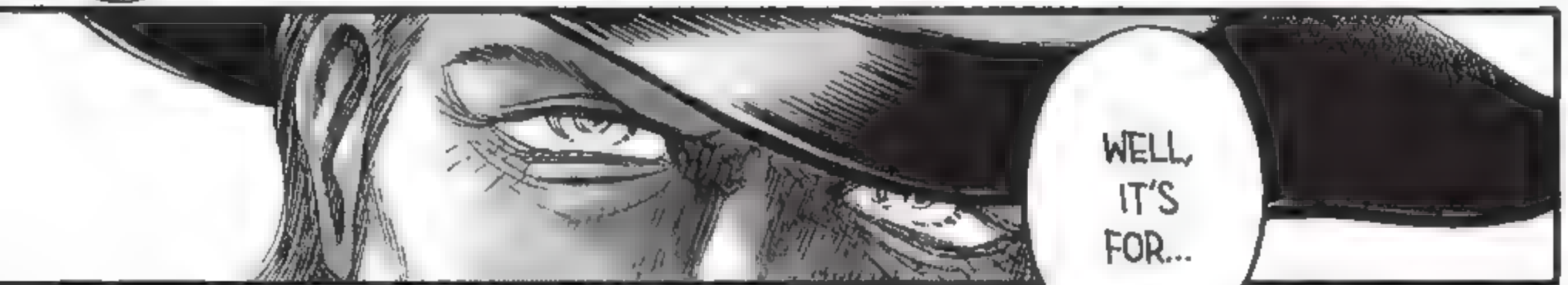
DON'T
WORRY.



WHAT'S
IT
REALLY
FOR?

I'LL HAVE
YOU KNOW THAT
CHEERING
THOSE PIGS UP
AND SETTING UP
ALL THE PIECES
WAS HARD
WORK.

A SHIT WAY
TO MAKE THOSE
SHITHEADS IN
THE ASSEMBLY
GIVE THEIR
APPROVAL.



WELL,
IT'S
FOR...



...A
GRAND
DREAM.



GOD-LIKE
POWER.



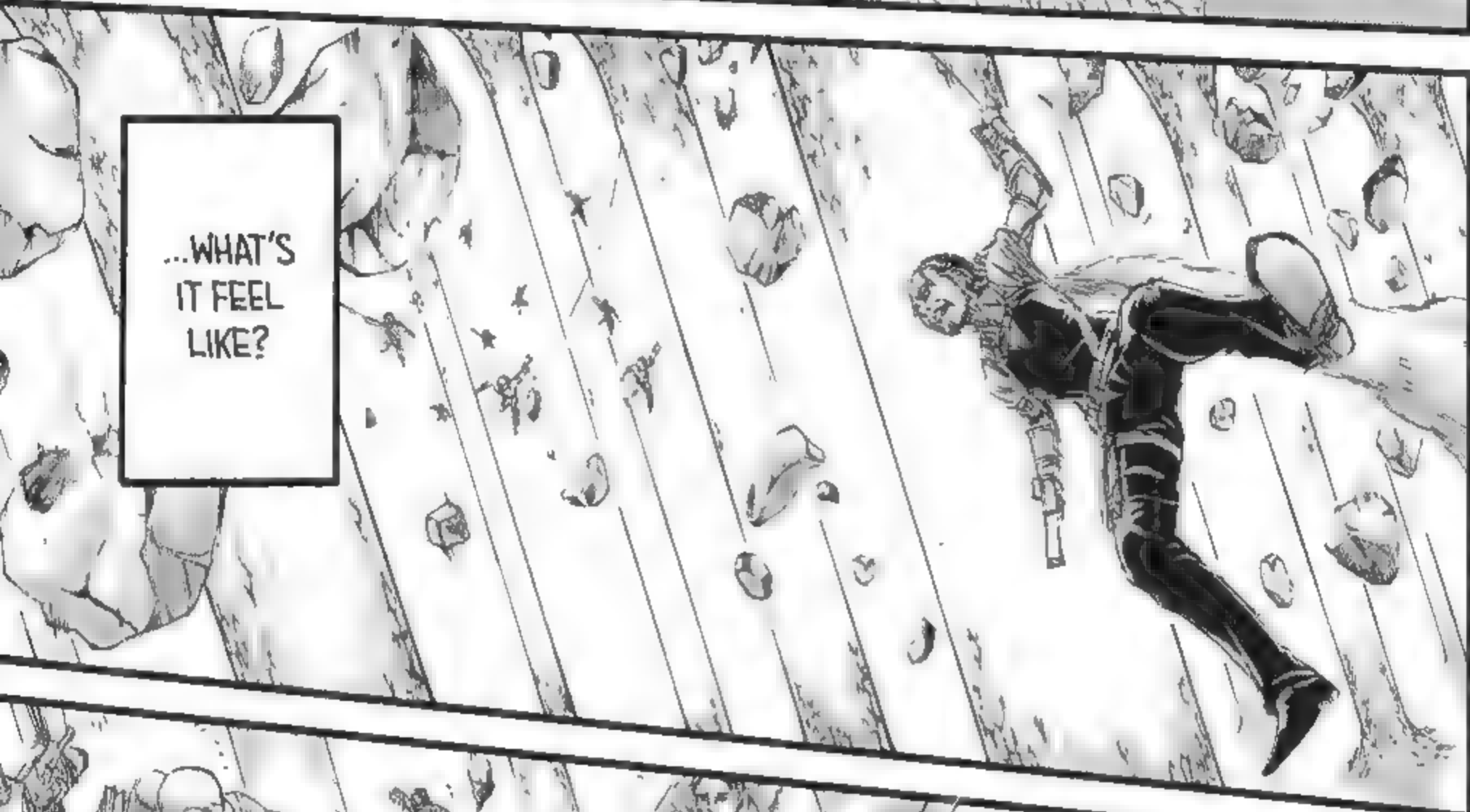
EVERYONE WHO
GETS THEIR
HANDS ON IT
SEEMS TO TURN
**COMPASSION-
ATE.**



WOULD THE
SAME THING
HAPPEN EVEN
TO GARBAGE
LIKE ME?



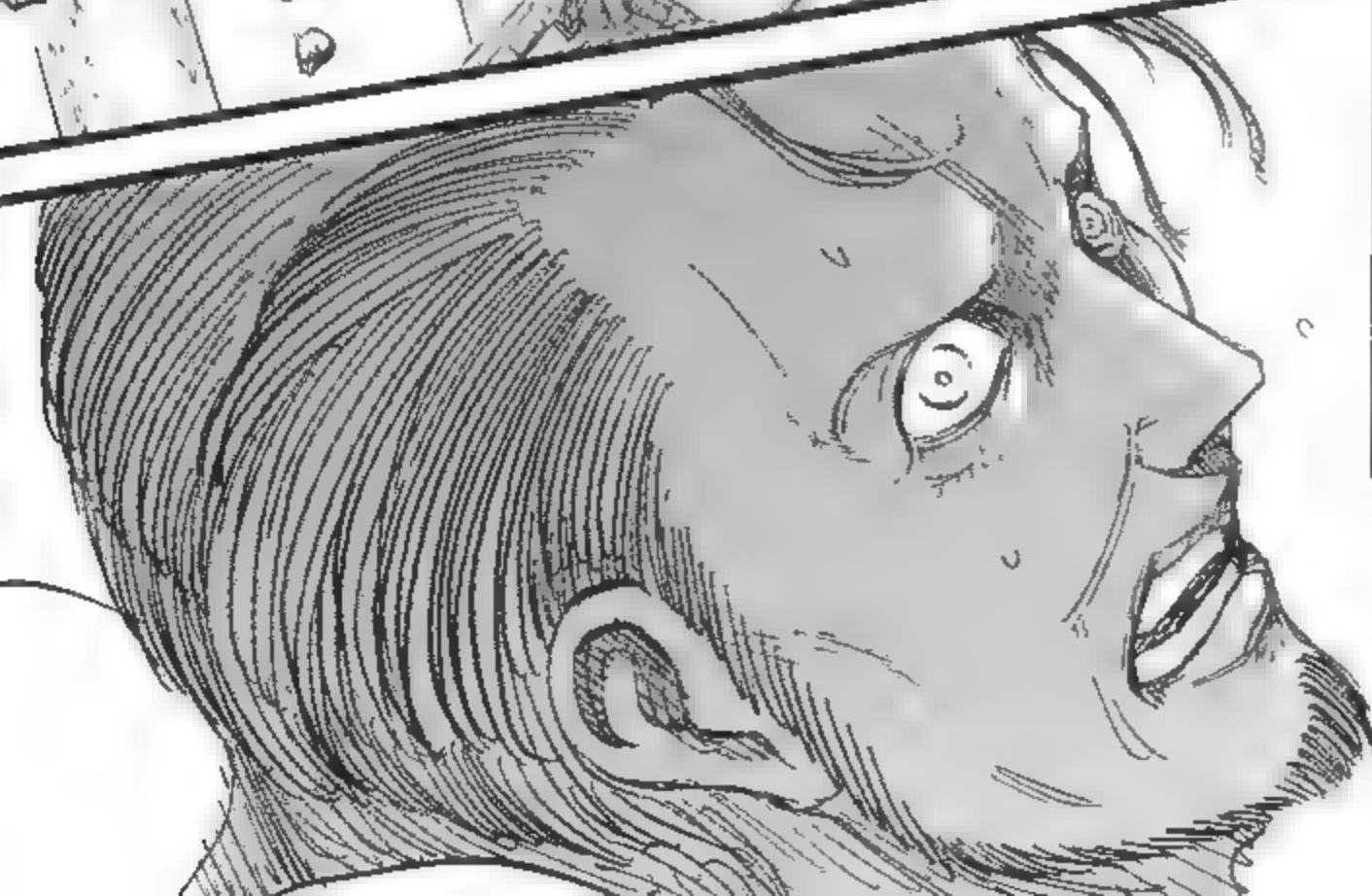
I WANT
TO
KNOW...



...WHAT'S
IT FEEL
LIKE?



WHAT
DOES IT
LOOK LIKE
FROM UP
THERE?





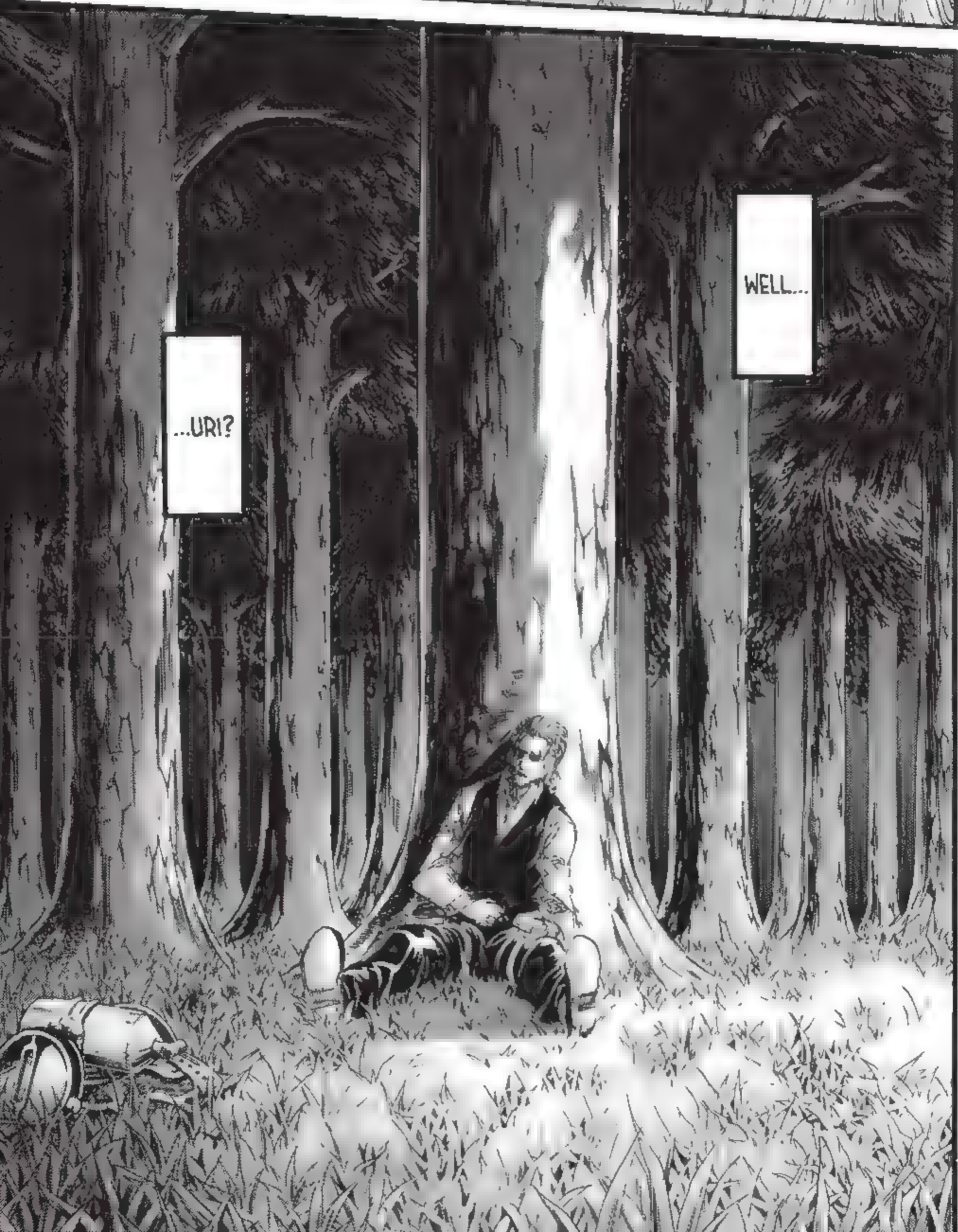
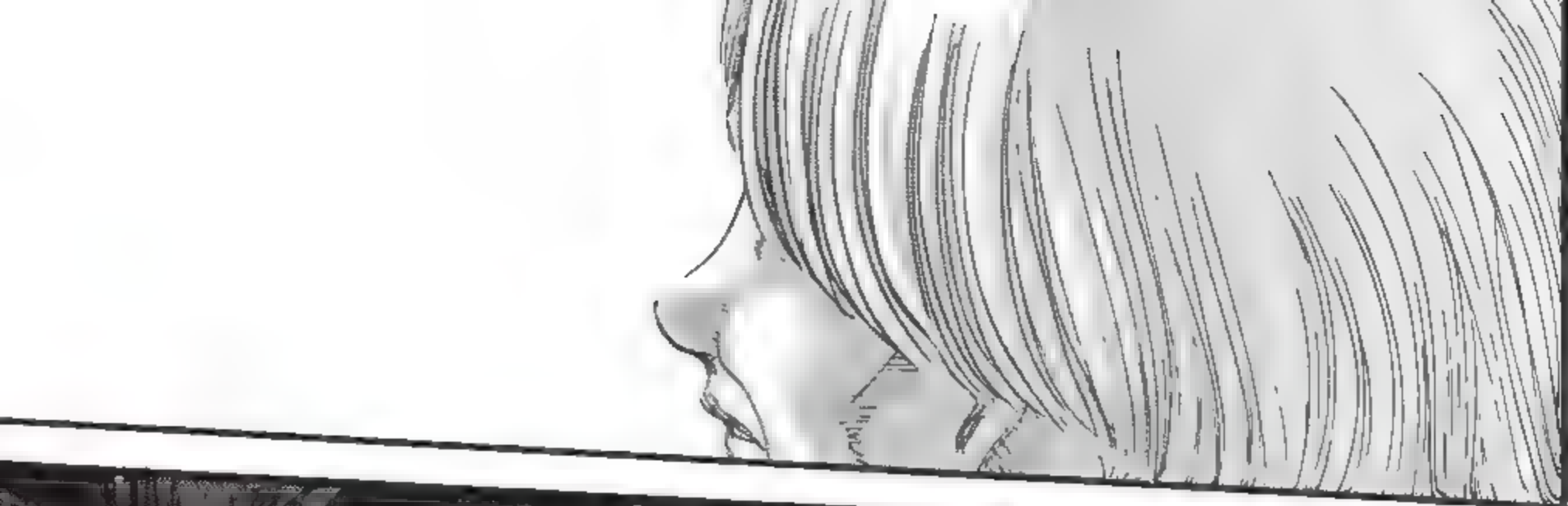
CAN A
PIECE OF
TRASH...



...EVER SEE
THE SAME
KIND OF
THING
THAT YOU
CAN SEE?

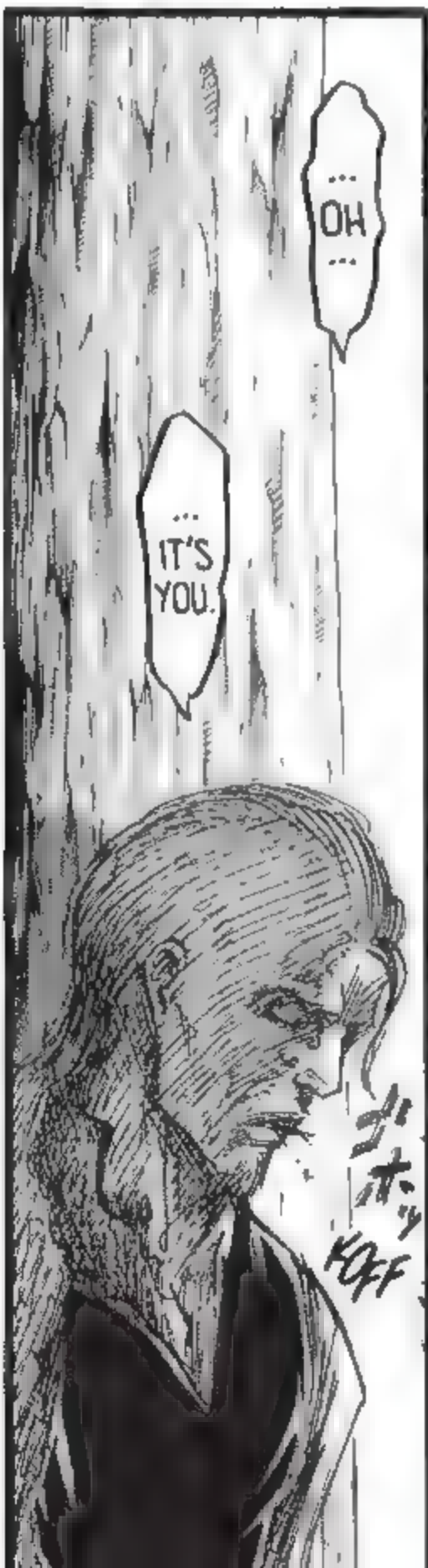
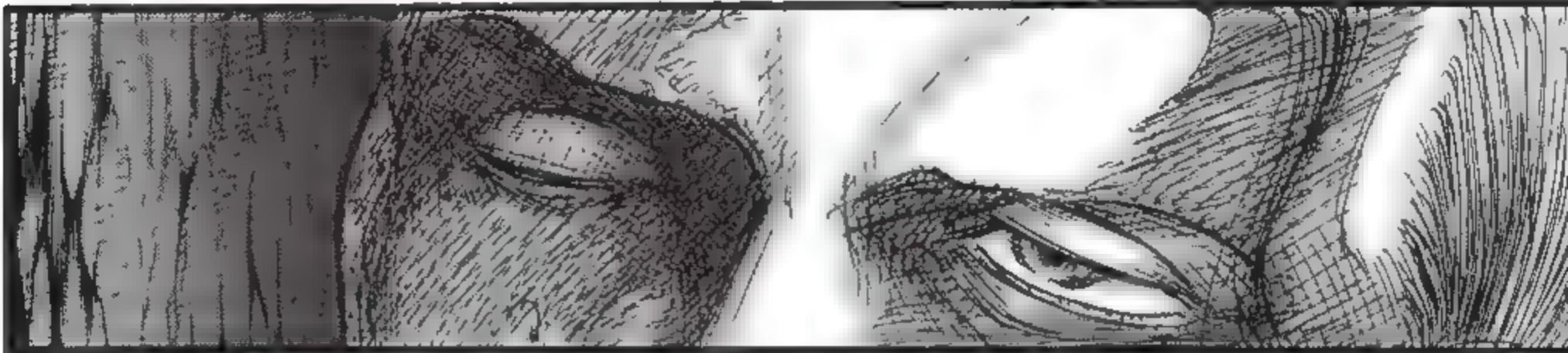
...
LIKE
ME...





...URI?

WELL...





ARE YOU
THE ONLY
ONE
LEFT?



LOOKS
THAT
WAY.

...



ALL OF
YOUR MEN WHO
FOUGHT US
HAVE BEEN
CRUSHED.



HE'S
...

...
CAP-
TAIN.

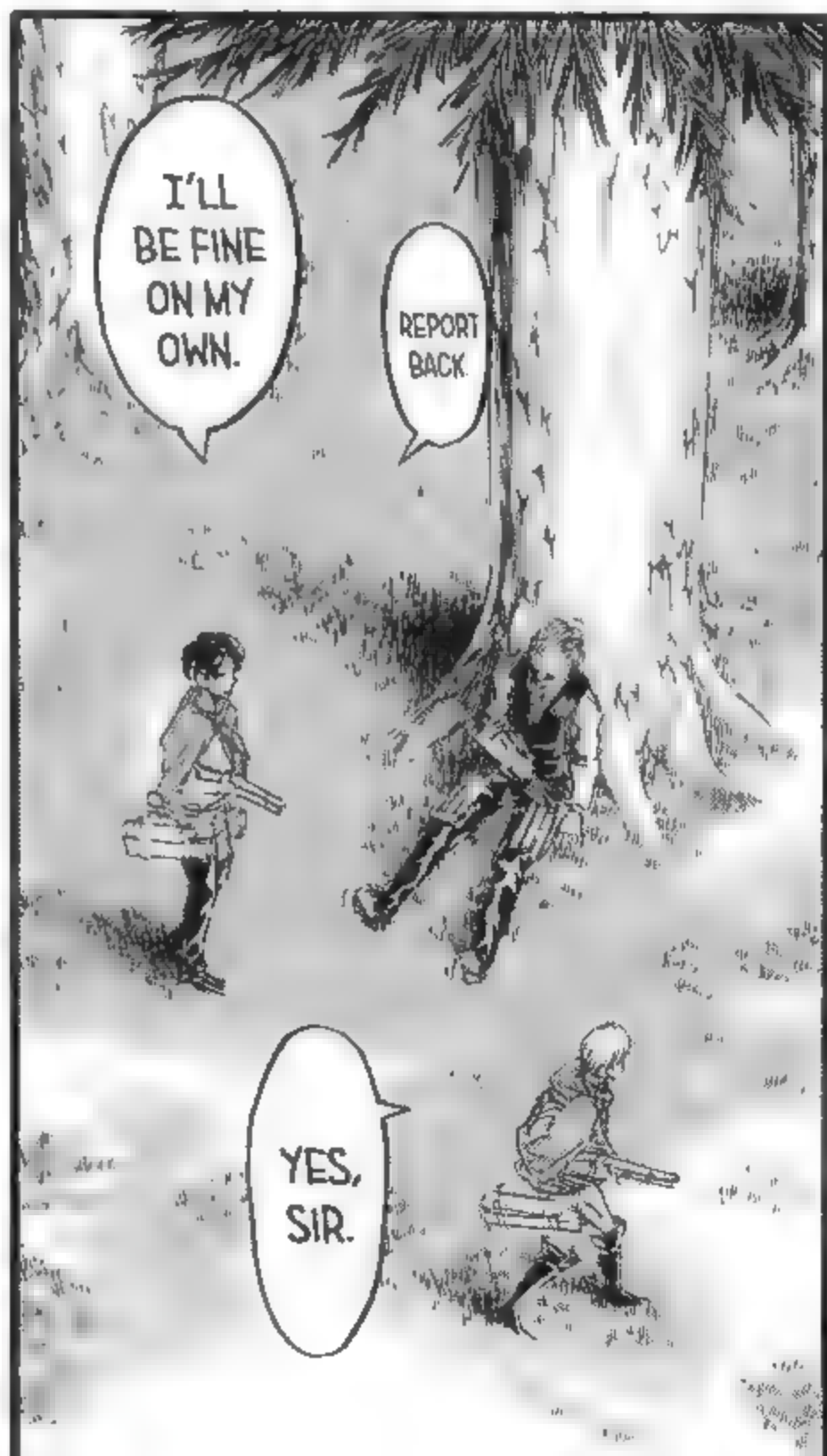


...



YOU'RE A
GONER.

SEVERE
BURNS,
ALL THAT
BLOOD
LOSS...



I'LL
BE FINE
ON MY
OWN.

REPORT
BACK.

YES,
SIR.



...A
STUPID
TITAN...

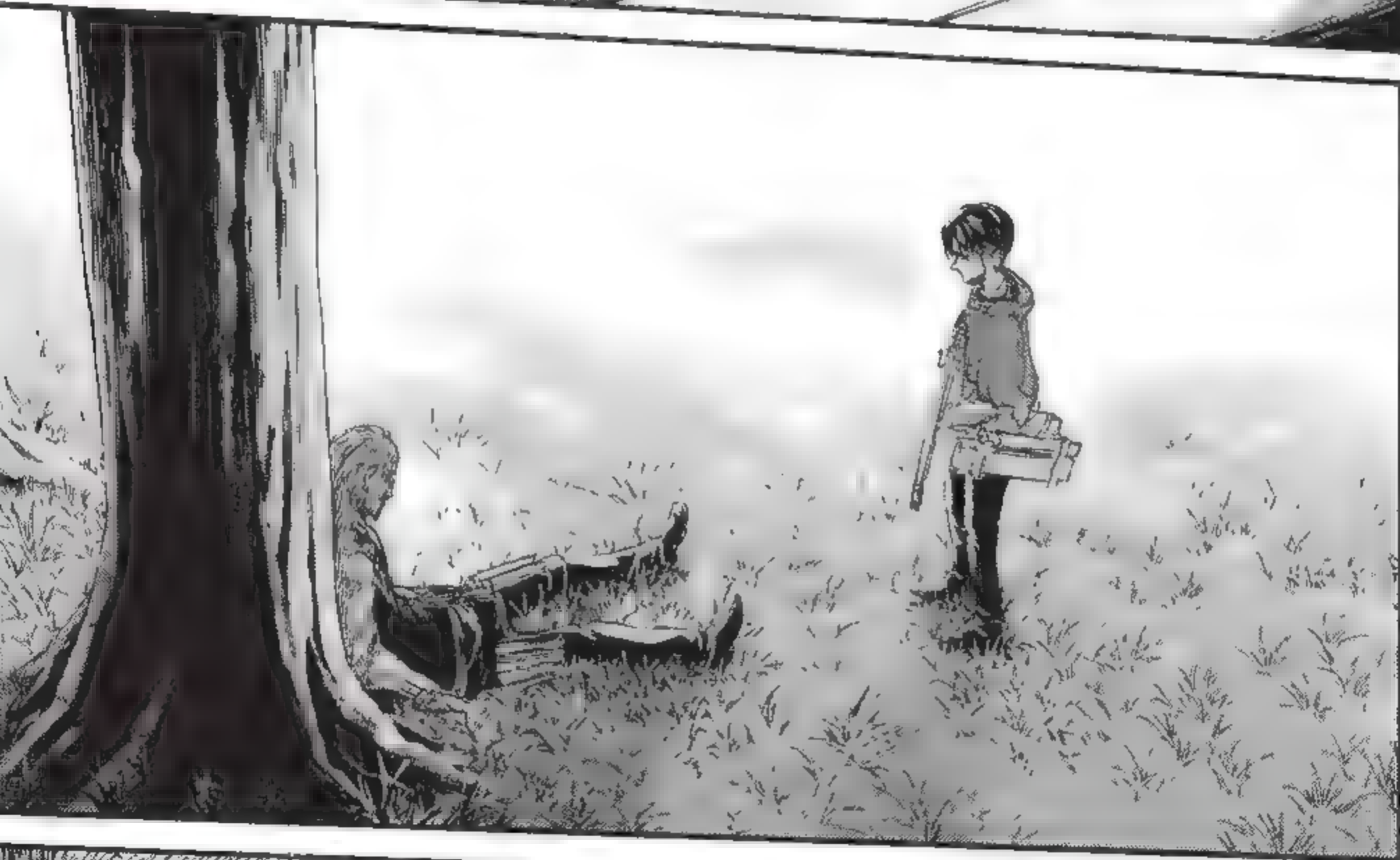
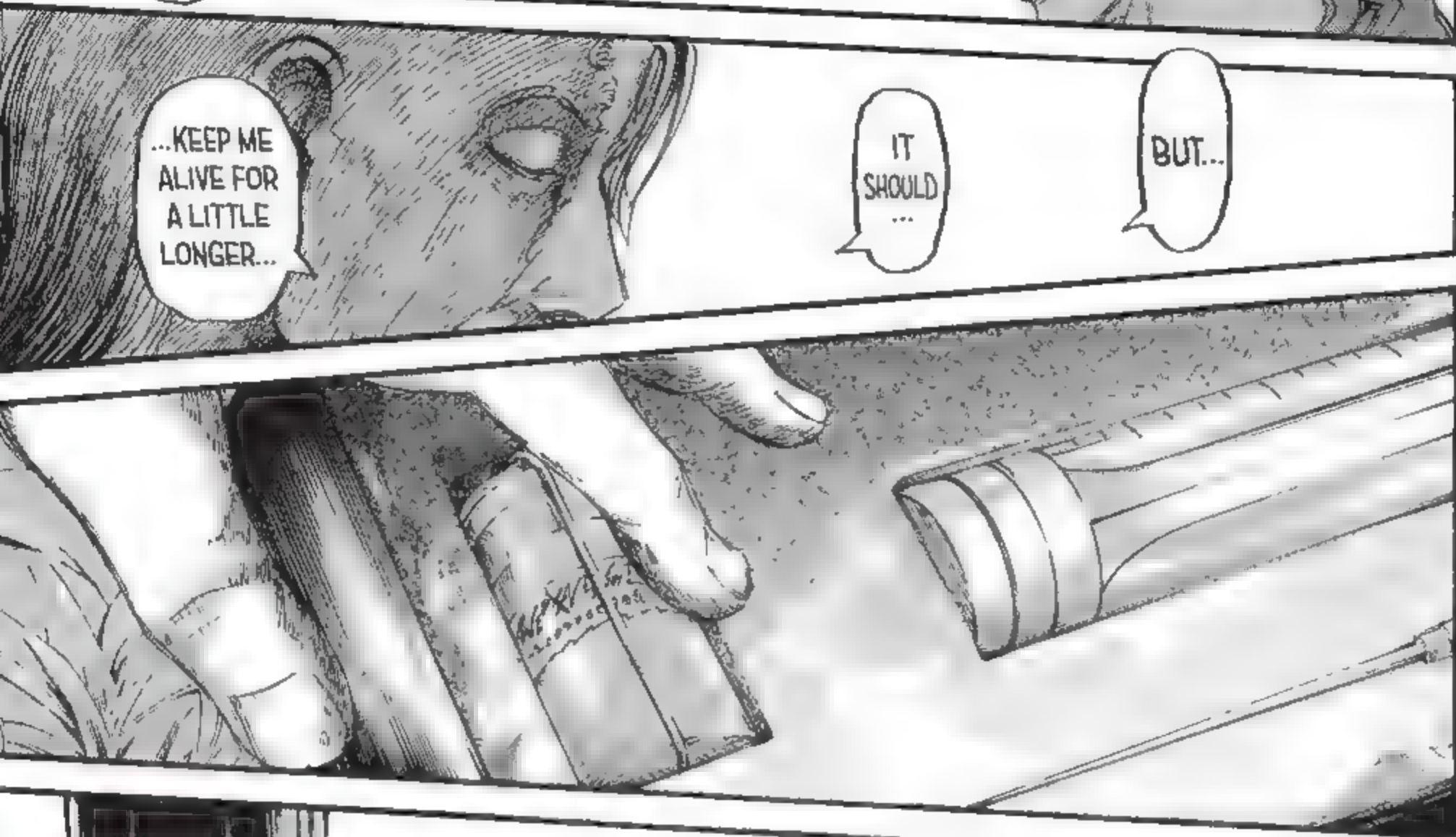
I'LL
BE...



...KEEP ME
ALIVE FOR
A LITTLE
LONGER...

IT
SHOULD
...

BUT...

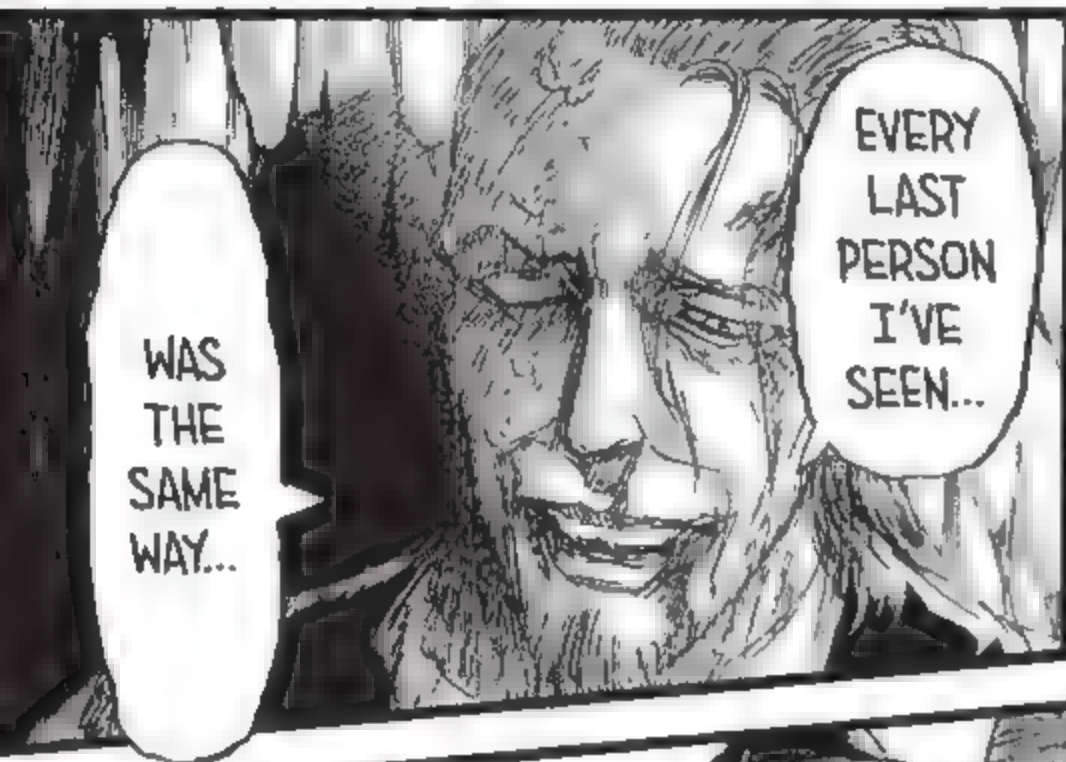




...WHY
HE DID
THAT...

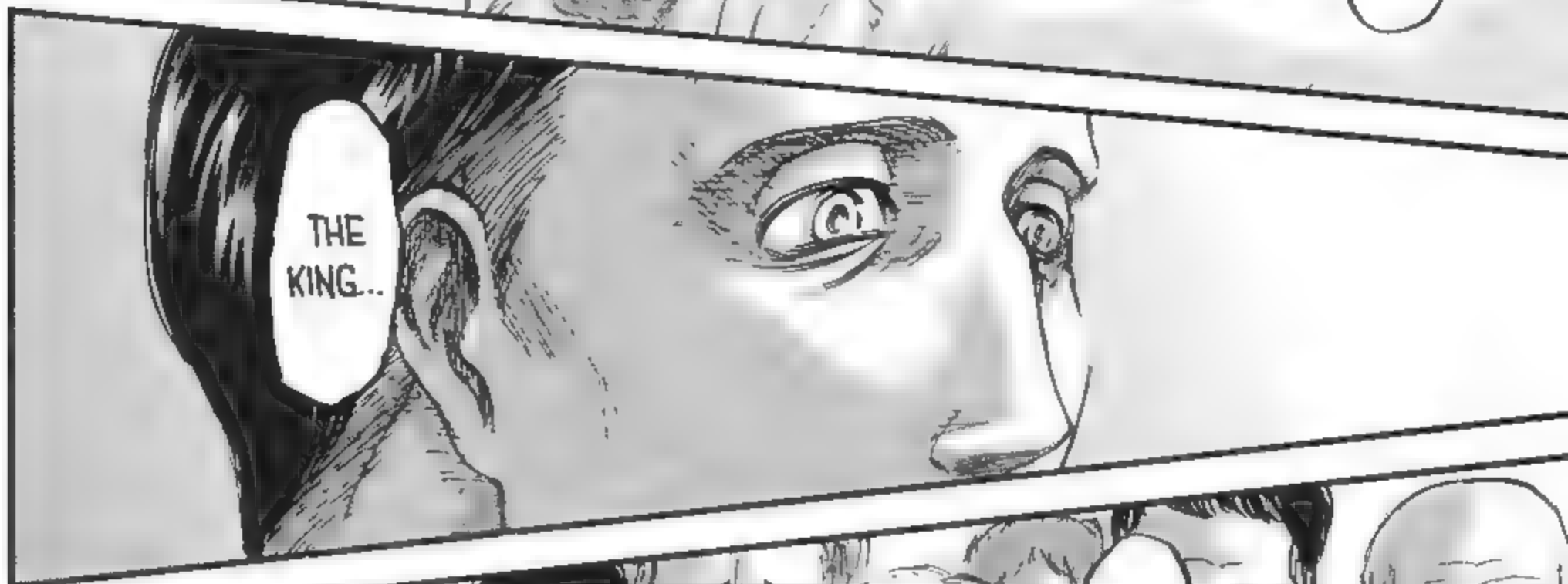
I
JUST
GOT
IT...

I
THINK
...

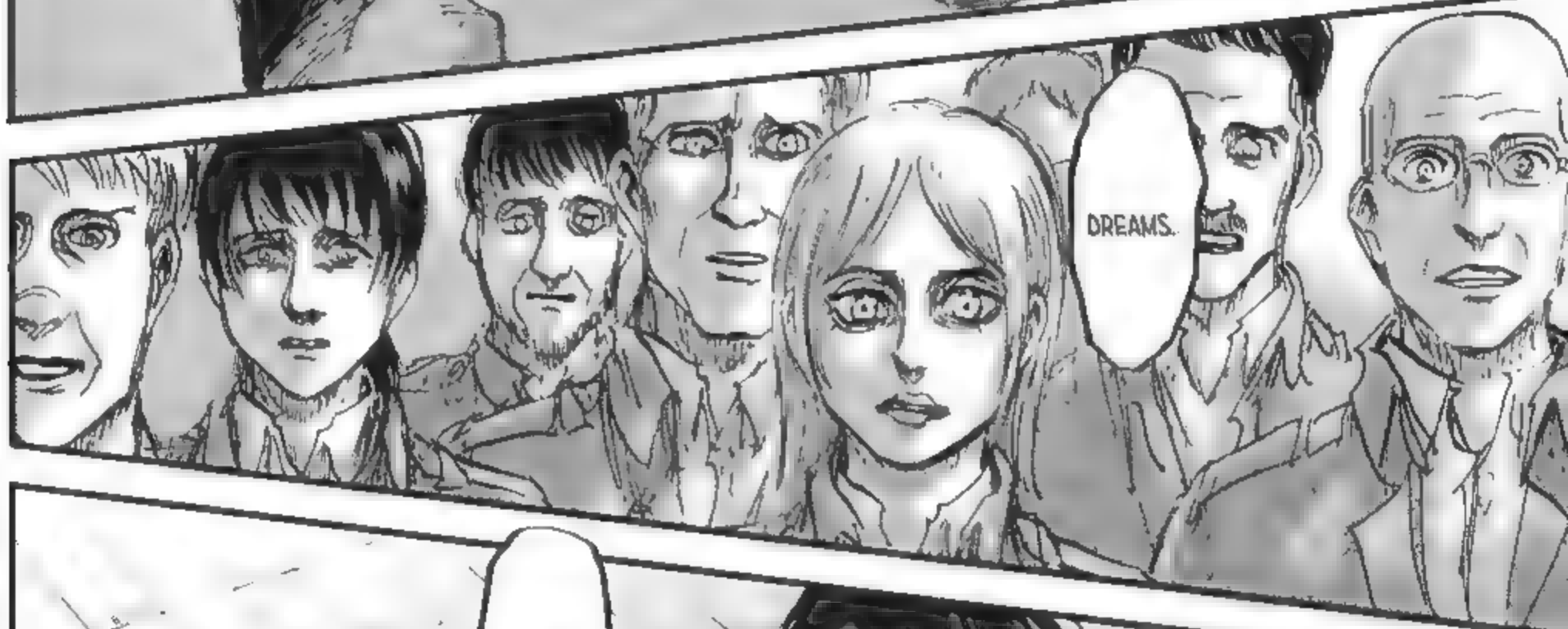




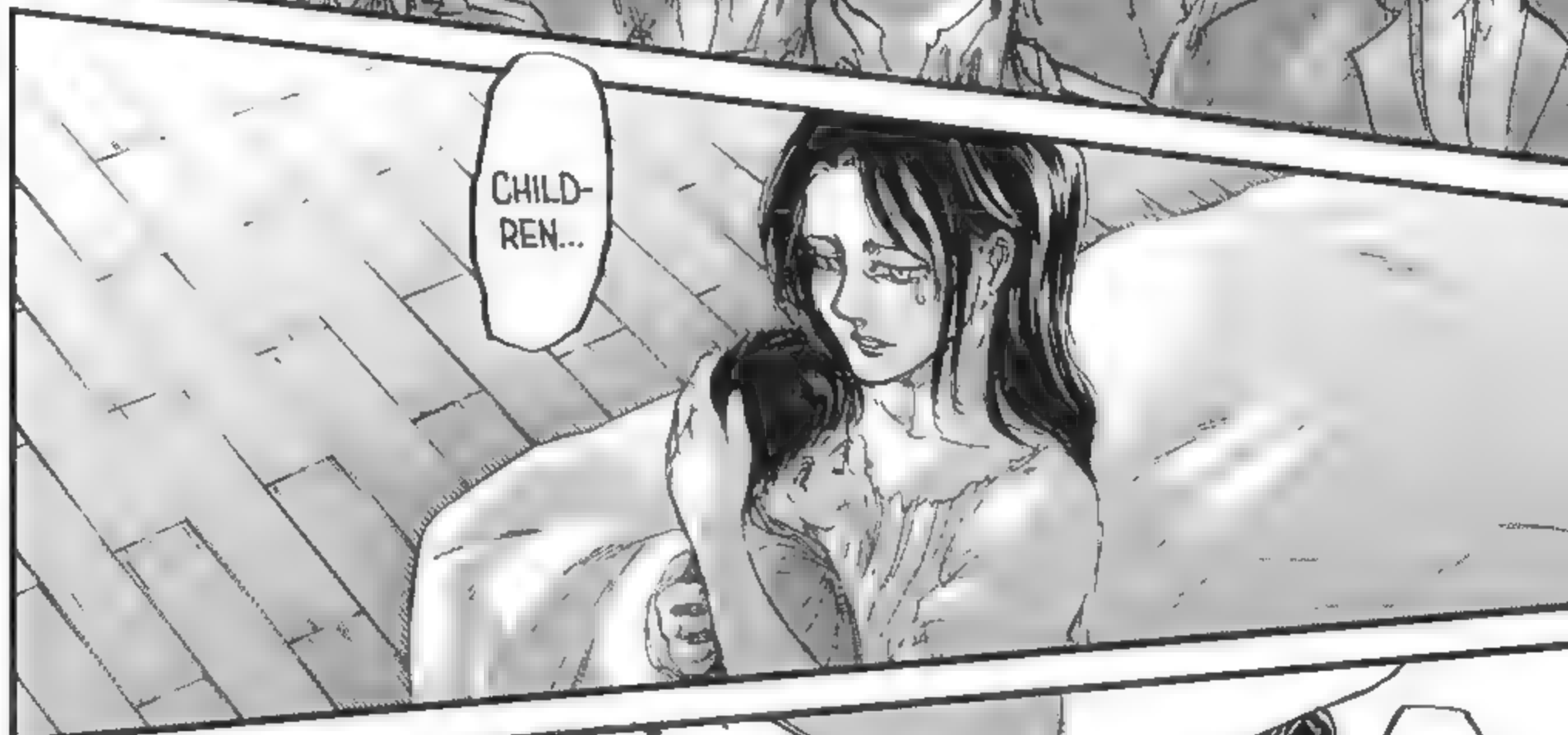
FAMILY...



THE
KING...



DREAMS.



CHILD-
REN...



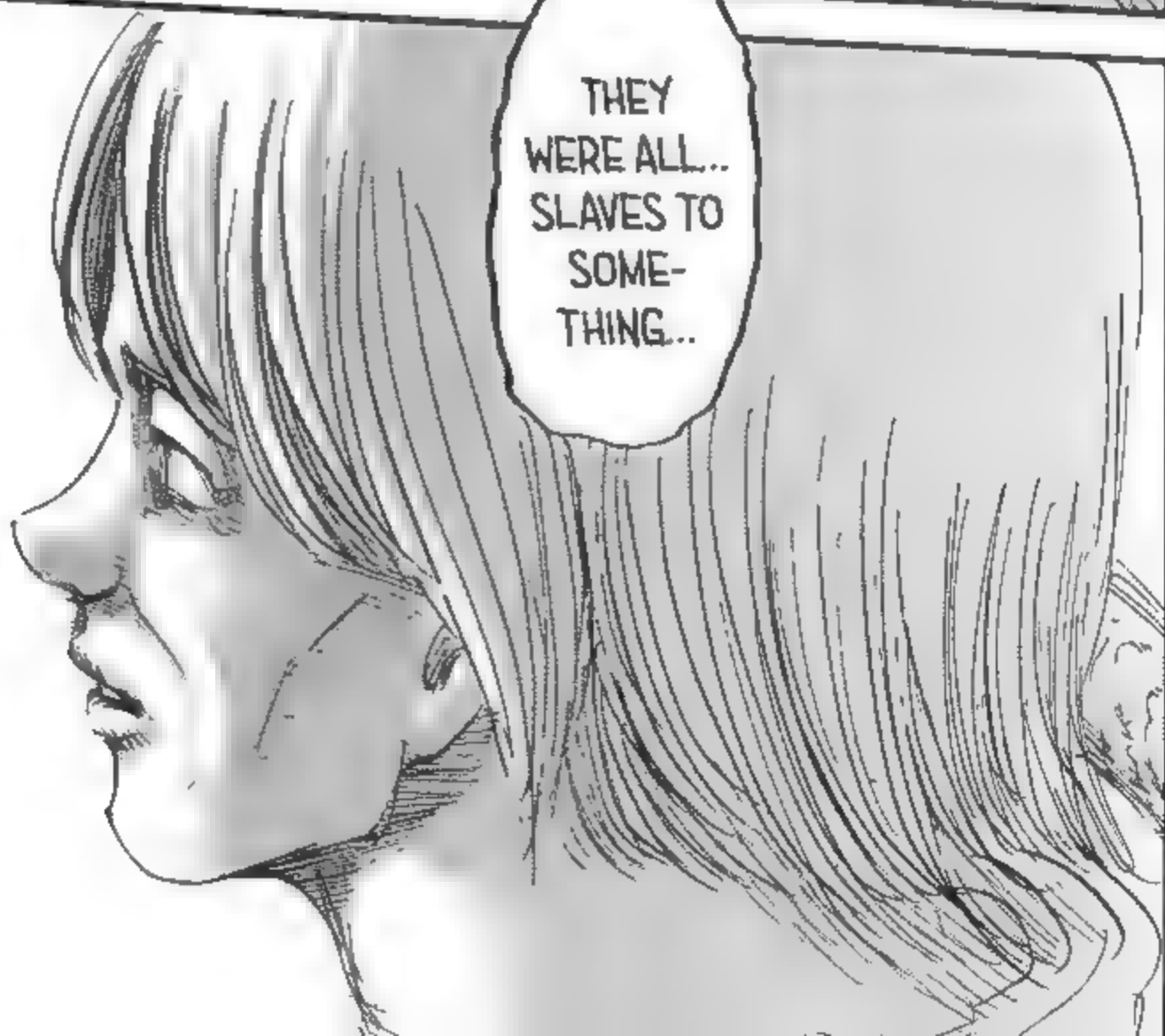
POWER...

...UNLESS
THEY WERE
DRUNK ON
SOME-
THING.

THEY
COULDN'T
KEEP
GOING...



THEY
WERE ALL...
SLAVES TO
SOME-
THING...



EVEN
HIM...





A
HERO
?!



WHAT
ARE
YOU
?!

WH...



K
O
F
F

HA
K
K

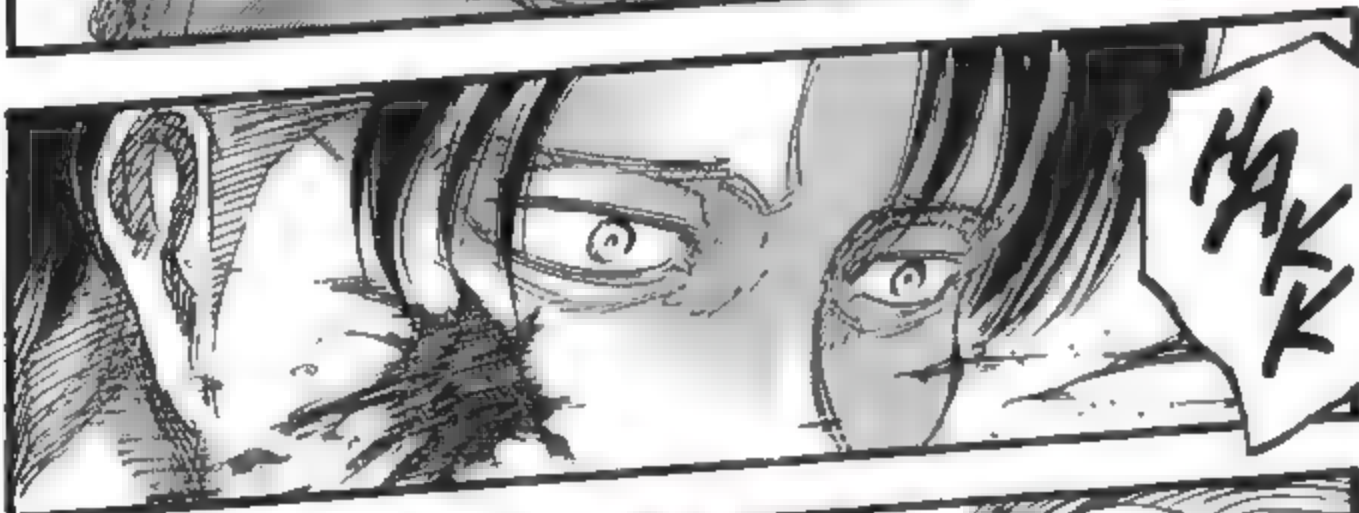


WHY
DOESN'T
THE FIRST
KING WANT
HUMANITY
TO
SURVIVE?!

TELL ME
EVERY-
THING YOU
KNOW!



KENNY



HA
K
K



WHAT
WERE
YOU TO MY
MOTHER...
REALLY
?

YOU
...

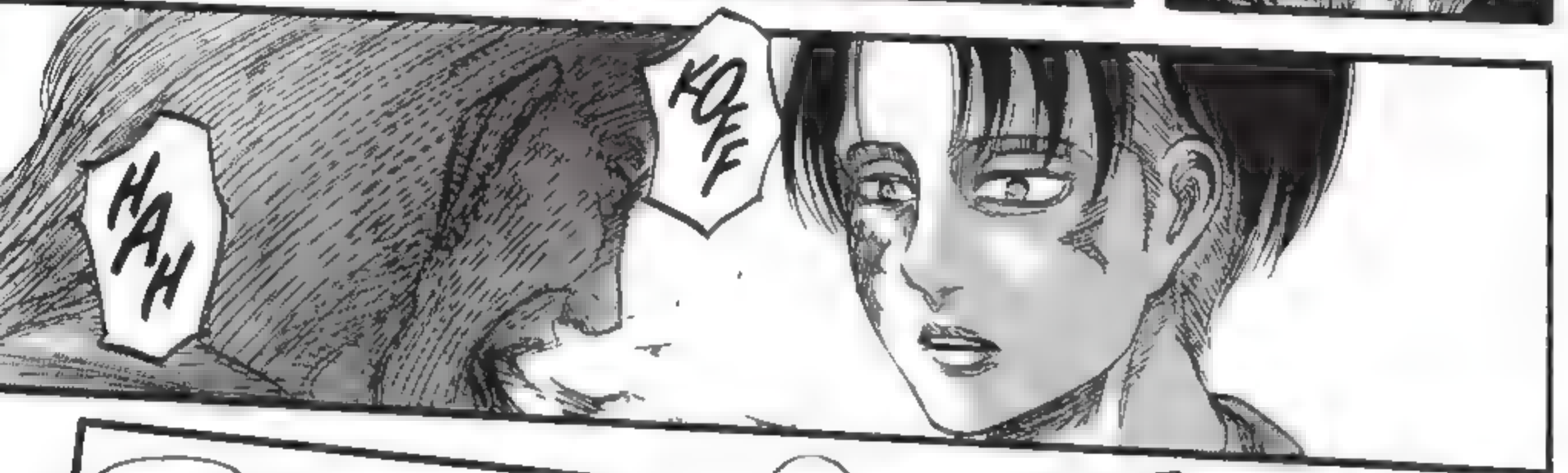
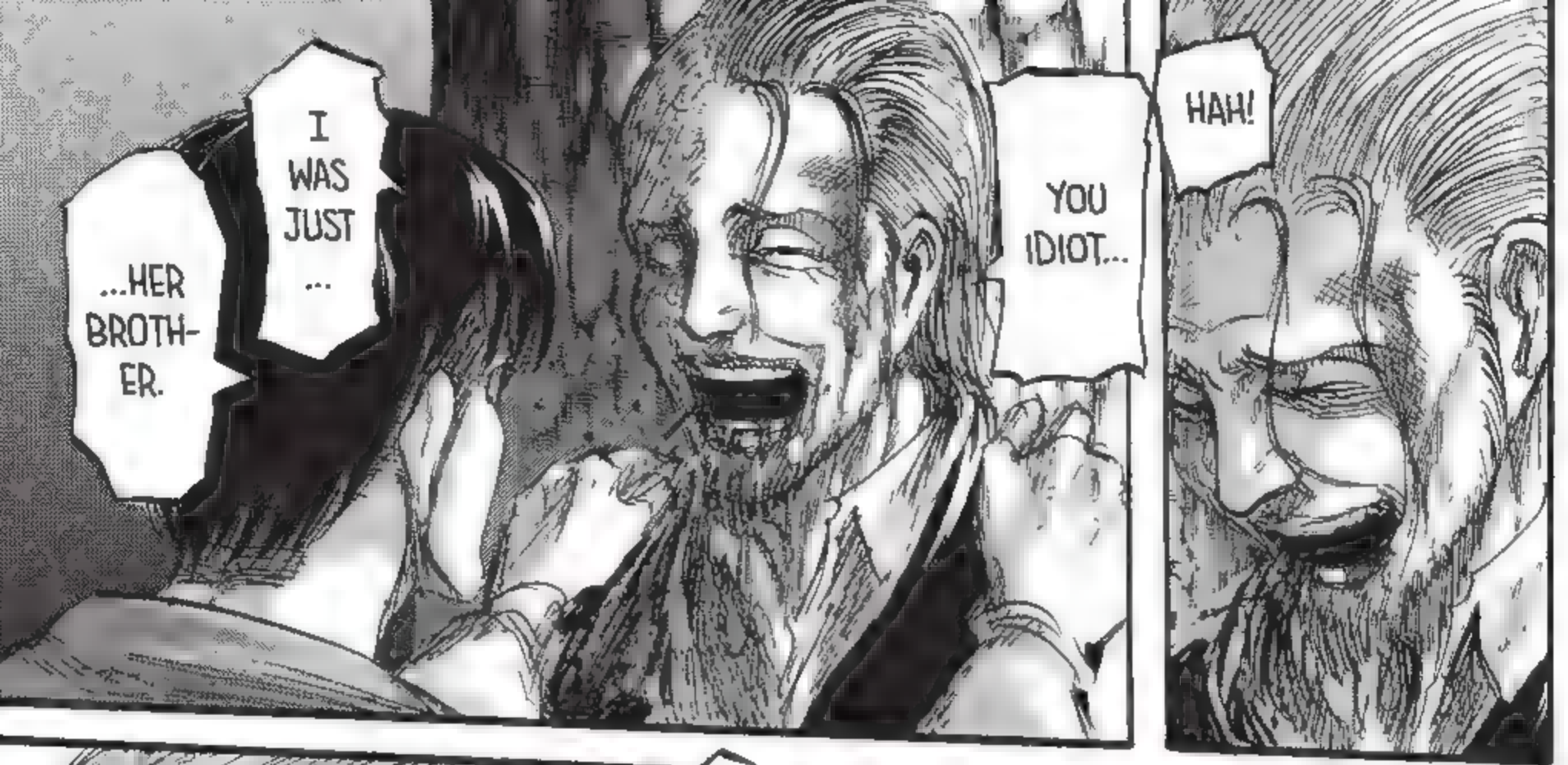
MY LAST
NAME SEEMS
TO BE
ACKERMAN,
TOO.



IT'S THE
REASON...
WE
ACKERMANS
OPPOSED
HIM...

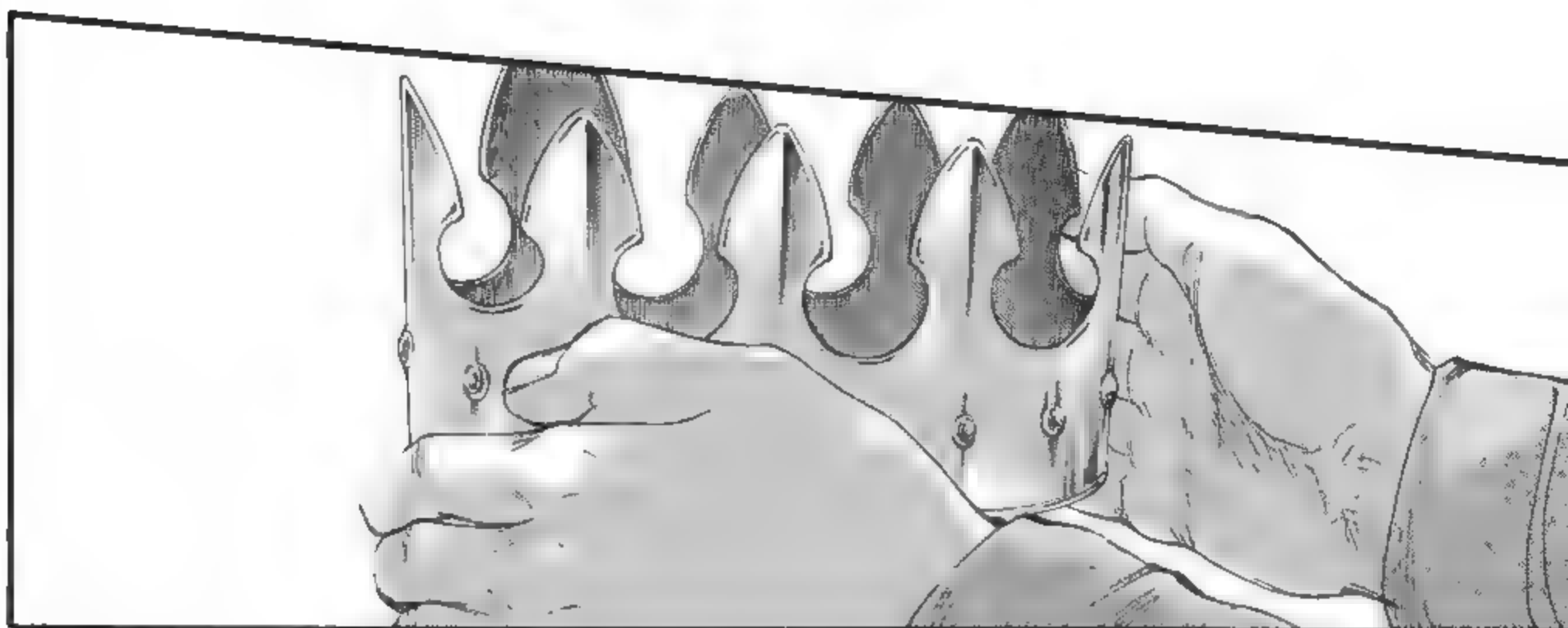
BUT
...

...
LIKE
I'D
KNOW.

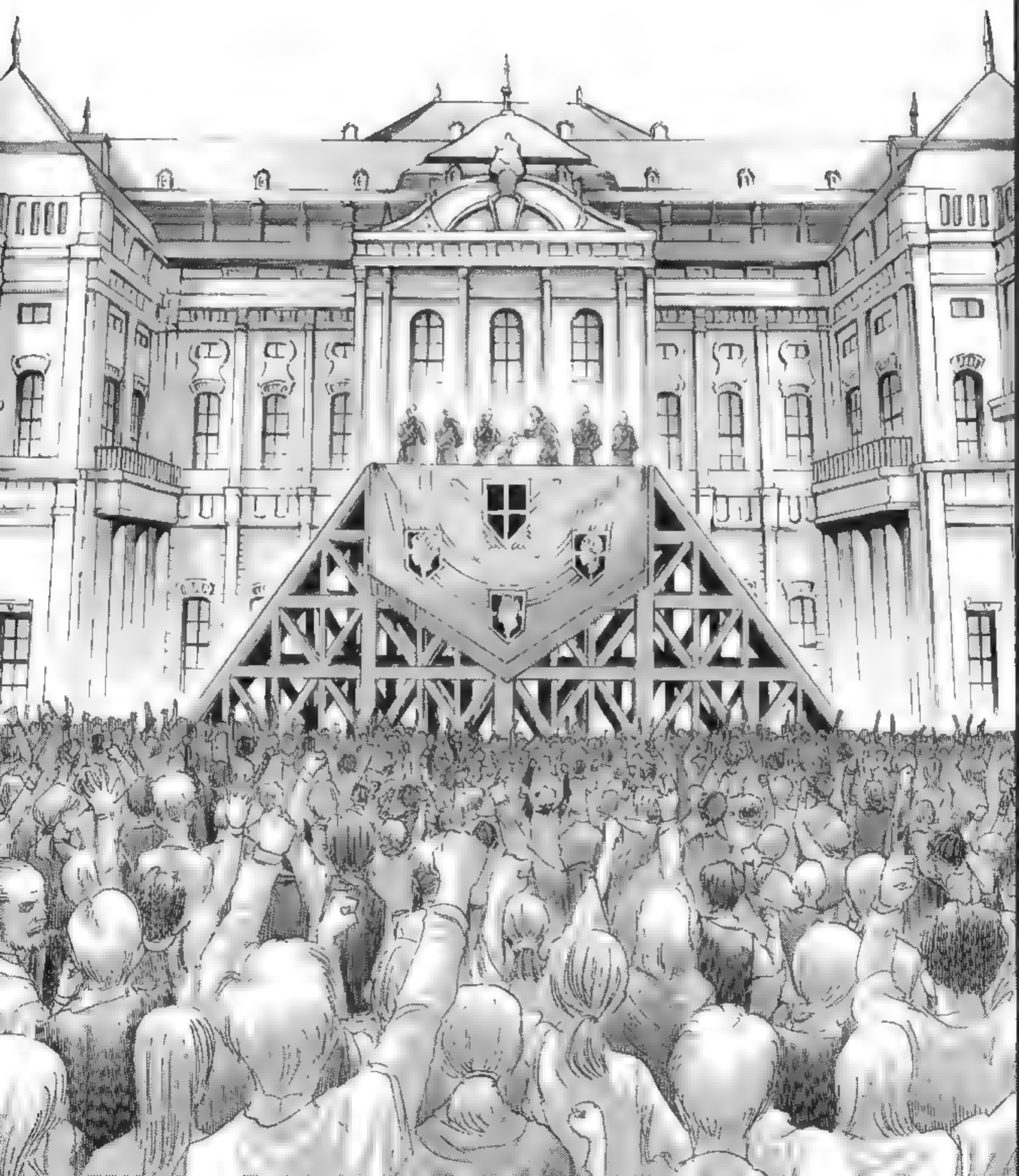









★YA★A★A★A★A★A★A★





...SHE
PROTECTED
US FROM THE
TITANS WITH
THAT
DELICATE
FRAME...

YEAH. A
BUNCH OF
ORVUD DISTRICT
RESIDENTS
SAW IT FOR
THEMSELVES
!

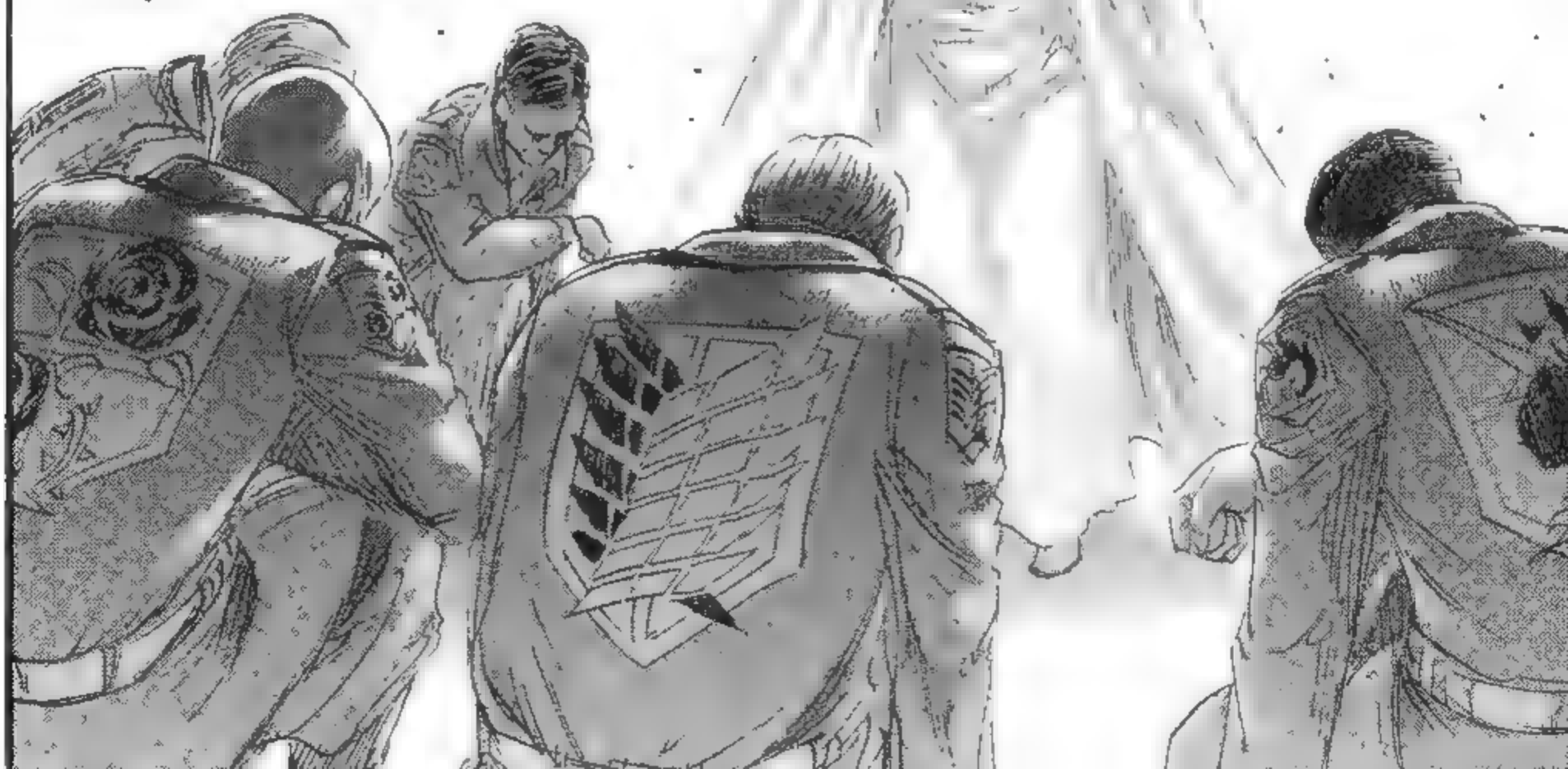
THAT GIRL
DEFEATED A
TITAN TWICE
THE SIZE OF
THE WALLS?

**QUEEN
HISTORIA**

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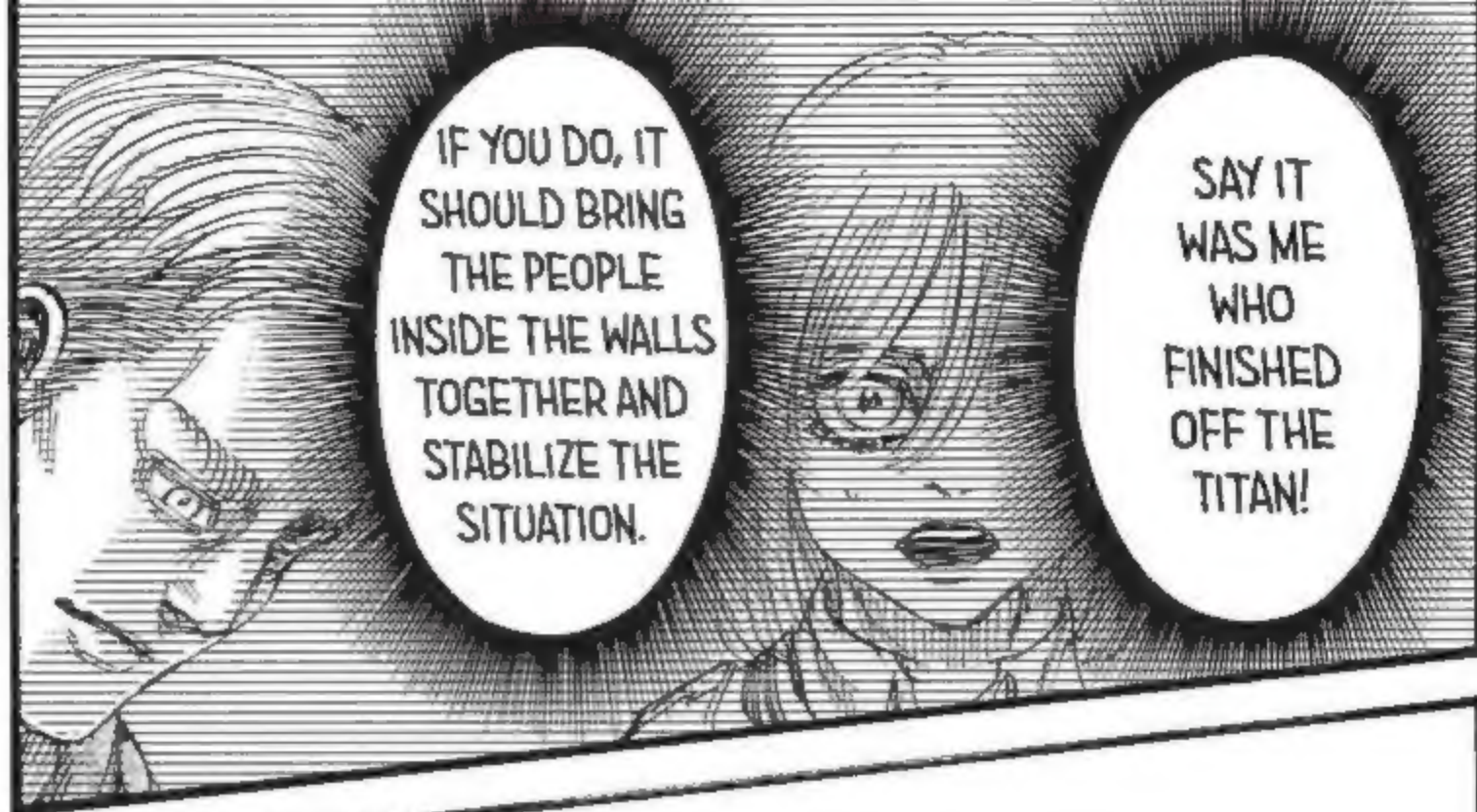
SHE'S
THE TRUE
RULER
OF THE
WALLS!

HER FATHER
RULED AS KING
FROM THE SHADOWS,
BUT WHEN HE WENT
OUT OF CONTROL,
SHE STOPPED HIM
HERSELF!





I NEVER
IMAGINED I'D
ACTUALLY BE
THE ONE TO
STOP HIM...



IF YOU DO, IT
SHOULD BRING
THE PEOPLE
INSIDE THE WALLS
TOGETHER AND
STABILIZE THE
SITUATION.

SAY IT
WAS ME
WHO
FINISHED
OFF THE
TITAN!





Y-YOU SAID
YOURSELF
THAT I
SHOULD.



WHAT
...

ARE YOU
REALLY
GONNA DO
IT,
HISTORIA?

HOLD
ON.



"I DARE
YOU TO
HIT ME
BACK."

ONCE YOU
BECOME
QUEEN, SMACK
HIM AND TELL
HIM THIS:

IT WAS
THE REEVES
COMPANY
BOSS'S FINAL
REQUEST...
OR, SHOULD I
SAY, FINAL
JOKE?



!

YEAH,
HISTORIA!
THAT'S
THE
SPIRIT!



I'M NOT
FIT TO BE
QUEEN
UNLESS I
DO IT.

IF YOU
CAN LET IT
GO, YOU
SHOULD.





AAAH!!



AH...UH!



YEAH!!



BONK

AH.



HEH...

WHADDAYA
GOT TO
SAY N-

?!

NOW
WHAT?
I'M YOUR
QUEEN!

HA
HA
HA
HA
!



...ALL
OF
YOU.

THANKS
...



ATTACK on TITAN